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Councilors' Corner

By Marilynn Blackeler

ODOT wetland mitigation planting at the Mill Pond Park site. We would like to thank Balance Nursery located in Lorane, Oregon for the donation of the plant material. We would also like to thank Tongue Point Job Corp for the volunteer work conducted on Friday. Other groups of young citizens will continue with the planting.

May 13 an open house is scheduled at the Mill Pond Park. I am excited that we are moving forward with our Greater Seaside Urban Renewal goal to acquire and develop this public open space. If you haven't had the chance to tour the park please join us for the open house. Watch for details as May 13 approaches.

SEASIDE SIGNAL 4/20/00

SEASIDE SIGNAL 3/9/00

Career fair tops personal best

The North Coast Educational Consortium — made up of every school district from Rainier to Jewell and Clatsop Community College — recently sponsored the fourth annual Coast Career Fair at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. More than 600 students from Clatsop, Columbia and Pacific county schools, Tongue Point Job Corps Center and Clatsop Community College attended the event. Over 50 employers from the Pacific Northwest set up booths for the fair. Representation included business and industry, labor organizations, nonprofit and public agencies. A seminar on the Clatsop Articulation Partnership, which allows students to gain college credit for high school course work, was also offered.

"This was definitely the most interactive career fair that we have ever had," said Kristen Lee, Regional Coordinator of the North Coast Educational Consortium. "The students came prepared to learn from employers and that was nice to see."

The fair focused on career education in the fields of industry and engineering, natural resources, health services, arts and communication, human resources, business and management and military science. Employers were represented to explain expectations in the workplace, educational requirements and job duties. Employers showed videos, provided demonstrations, supplied brochures and had one-on-one discussions with students interested in their career focus areas. The goal of the event was to show every aspect of a career field from an employment application to successful finished product.

The North Coast Educational Consortium expressed thanks to all employers who took time out of their busy schedules to share their career knowledge with students.

Participating employers included PND Engineers, Oregon Building Congress, SCS Interactive, Del Jen Inc., Clean Pacific, Local 290, IMTC/CCC MERTS Campus, Area Vocational Center, Fort Clatsop, Wildlife Rehab Center, Grays Harbor College, Oregon Department of Forestry, Seaside Aquarium, Brimis Farm and Garden, Ft. Stevens, Columbia Memorial Hospital, Medix, TPJCC-Medical/Dental Assisting Programs, Peace Health, Providence Seaside Hospital, Oregon Police Corps, Astoria Police Department, Astoria Fire Department, MTC Training and Placement, Tri-County Resource Network, Oregon Employment Department, Astoria Beauty College, Western Bank, Fred Meyer, Wauna Federal, Pacific Personnel, New Northwest Broadcasters, Nancy McAllister Law Practice, Oregon Youth Authority, Clatsop Community College, American Association of University Women, Compleat Photographer, the Daily Astorian, Muriel Jensen and Birdie Etchison, U.S. armed services and the Oregon National Guard.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center

COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations to Tongue Point's July 2000 Graduation Class!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS!

It means the world to them.

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Andrea Buck
Cathy Harig
Jana DuBose

Clerical Occupations
**Elizabeth Freske
Katrina Lee
Eric Smith
D. Jade McCannon
**R. Warren Reed
Deidre Dodge
**Rahwa Embaye
**Kristi Dudley

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Elsabeth Hailu
Katie Travis
**Ghenet Kebede

**Honor Graduates

Electrical
Jarrod Bell
Abdifatah Ismail
**Kenneth Uland

Nursing Assiting
**Daruslame Mohammed

Facilities Maintenance
**Travis Doll

Dental Assisting
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Yetimwork Sima

Painting
April Cornforth
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Melanie Huckins
**Lucas Murray
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TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER PERFORMS VOLUNTEER CLEAN UP FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COMMUNITY CORNER

On Saturday, May 13, 2000, staff and student employees from Tongue Point Job Corps Center came to work at the Astoria/Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce visitors center. The installation of a new sewer line in the area had damaged the visitors centers landscaping. Tongue Point staff and student employees helped repair the damage by spreading bark dust, weeding, and performing general grounds clean up. A huge thanks to staff member, Jean Matheson, and her generous crew for their contribution to the community on their regular day off. Crew members included student employees: Austin Pahia, Daniel Morte, Shallon Byrd, Summe Nault, and Maria Calderon; and staff members Sheila Brubaker, Lynn Alsbury, and Jean Matheson. Thank you all! Your hard work and community spirit are greatly appreciated!

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DAILY ASTORIAN 6/8/00

Tongue Point Job Corps Center April 2000 Staff Members of the Month

COMMUNITY CORNER

Mike Denny, Property Clerk. Hired: 5/18/87.

Mike has worked at Tongue Point for almost 13 years in three different departments. He has been in his present position for the past 8 years.

Although his demeanor is one of quiet steadfastness, he has a wonderful sense of humor which is shared with staff across the Center, as his position allows him to interact with a variety of people.

Over the years he has streamlined the systems in his department to improve the level of customer service for the entire Center. Recently, two of the three people in his department were out sick, and Mike was still able to keep all of his customers happy.

Mike is an amazing man you can count on to get the job done! He is dependable, efficient, and takes pride in doing his job as well as possible. He anticipates the needs of those he works closely with before they are communicated. He is a team player with a capital T.

'What makes my job rewarding is seeing the way Job Corps changes students lives.'

Kip Johnson, Recreation Advisor Hired: 3/31/99.

Kip began in a department which had a new supervisor and two open positions. With much enthusiasm, he had an immediate impact. As the only full time recreation advisor, he took over many programs in his first week. He definitely had on the job training.

In the time he has been at the Center, he has initiated many new programs that are designed to help student employees make good decisions about their leisure time.

A native Astorian, Kip's community contacts are invaluable, and he is an excellent ambassador for Tongue Point in the community.

The best barometer for his influence can be heard through the Recreation Hall on a daily basis. Because of his obvious caring attitude, one can always hear a student employee asking, "When is Kip coming in to work?"

'Being an Astoria native and finding out how much Tongue Point Job Corps has to offer the student employees is impressive. It is rewarding to see the student employees use their free time wisely and efficiently.'

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DAILY ASTORIAN 8/25/00

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Dental van visits town

Northwest Medical Teams International brings its dental van to Columbia Memorial Hospital on Monday and Tuesday. Free dental care by appointment will be available to patients exhibiting urgent dental needs such as tooth pain, swelling or possible decay. Only patients who have no ability to pay, no access to fee-for-service treatment and no dental insurance of any kind (including the Oregon Health Plan) will be accepted for treatment. Patients must be low income, up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

The dental van is a collaborative effort between Northwest Medical Teams International. Local dentists donating their time include Dr. Duane Jue and Dr. Ken Carneiro. Columbia Memorial Hospital is providing space for the van and Clatsop Community Action is coordinating and paying for the effort.

Those seeking treatment are required to call Clatsop Community Action at 325-1400 or visit its office at 1010 Duane St., No. 207, and set up an appointment to be screened and scheduled.

DAILY ASTORIAN 8/25/00

Navel maneuvers

Fun fashion show takes a step back to more modest times on the beach

By JILL CARNELL
The Daily Astorian

Jane Witkoe stepped down the aisle in a graceful white skirted and pleated one-piece bathing suit from the 1940s, and Stacy Castling couldn't contain a shriek.

"Oh, I had one just like that!" the Warrenton resident shouted.

Volunteer models strutted down a makeshift runway in vintage bathing wear at Astor House Assisted Living Center Wednesday, taking residents and visitors for a walk in the past.

"A lot of these ladies remember these swimsuits," said Laree Johnson-Bruton, who organized the fashion show with Tongue Point Job Corps Center students and owns thousands of vintage clothing items. "That's what is so much fun about this."

Johnson-Bruton and her models, mostly Tongue Point students, displayed about 25 swimsuits, from modern bikinis to turn-of-the-century wool gowns. Swimwear progressed dramatically in the 20th century, she said, gradually becoming smaller and showier as women became more independent and less modest.

At the turn of the last century, women's bathing wear was designed to cover, not reveal, said Johnson-Bruton, modeling an early-1900s suit. Women were usually covered from head to toe in wool or cotton smocks, bloomers, stockings, bathing shoes and a cap.

"In the 1880s, they wore long drawers that were confined to the ankles," she said. "It was designed to conceal the figure."

At the time, women waded in water instead of swam, she said. But after 1900, women became more active swimmers. Jantzen, the Oregon swimwear company, started marketing wool body suits and

ABOVE: Aspiring model Nickole Engel, 13, smirks at nostalgic fashion collector Laree Johnson-Bruton while modeling a 1940s red polka-dot swimsuit for the residents and staff of Astor House Assisted Living Center. Although swimsuits became more liberal after World War II, it wasn't appropriate for ladies to expose their belly buttons in the 1940s, said Johnson-Bruton, who had asked Nickole to pull up her suit.

LEFT: Jane Witkoe blows bubbles while walking down the catwalk, modeling a vintage bathing suit and wide-brimmed hat.

ANDY CARPENEAN
The Daily Astorian

Fashion: Swimming gear takes folk on a trip back in time

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horter, dress-like wool swimsuits in the 1910s and '20s.

Nickole Engel, 13, an Astoria High School student, wore a blue Jantzen suit from 1918 or 19. When wet, the wool could weigh as much as eight pounds, Johnson-Bruton said.

"I imagine it's pretty heavy when it's soaked," Nickole said, grimacing. "I wouldn't want to wear it in water."

Women first wore two-piece swimsuits in the 1930s and '40s, Johnson-Bruton said. Influenced heavily by glamorous film stars' clothing, swimsuits were often made of luxurious fabrics.

Lynnette Sproul, an Astoria resident visiting Astor House for the fashion show, said she fondly remembered wearing a red chenille Jantzen suit in the 1940s.

"I can just see it now," she said. "It was bright red, blood red. I loved the color."

Castling, a former San Francisco model, remembered her favorite suit – a puckered brown fringed affair. "I loved it," she said.

The fashion show "just brings back memories of being young and thin and in love," she said, laughing.

Mary Monson, an Astor House resident who watched the show, said she has never owned a bathing suit.

"I grew up in Montana," she said. "There was no swimming where I was. I just never had one."

Johnson-Bruton said her fashion shows often bring up fond memories. One suit in the show, a blue and white sailor-style, was especially personal. "That was my swimsuit that I wore in the 1960s," she told the audience.

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Swimsuits are just a small part of Johnson-Bruton's extensive collection. She has "racks and racks" of vintage clothes, hats, shoes and other accessories. She stores them in a spare bedroom, her basement and another building.

"My husband wishes that I had a separate house for everything," she joked.

Johnson-Bruton, who teaches a fashion history class at Clatsop Community College, coordinates fashion shows around the state, including a recent Portland benefit for the Maryhill Museum in Washington state.

"It's so much fun to play dress-up," she said.

TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER

COMMUNITY CORNER

12/11/00

Student Employee Advisory Council
Community Backpack Project

On August 31, 2000, fifty student employees from Tongue Point Job Corps Center participated in the North Coast Community in the School Backpack Project. Student employees spent three hours filling backpacks with crayons, folders, pens, pencils, binders, filler paper, spiral notebooks, a ruler, scissors, erasers, a pencil sharpener, a fruit roll up, and a rice krispie treat. The backpacks were distributed to students in kindergarten through fifth grade in the Warrenton, Astoria, Lewis & Clark, and Gray Elementary Schools. A huge thanks to the following student employees for helping so many young people get their new school year off to a great start:

Fantaw Ayele, Wilhelmina Bixby, Heidi Bratton, Kristavina Brown, Emmanuel Burrell, Veronica Chiarappa, Christy Dillon, Minerva Flores-Martinez, Krista Fralick, DeeWanna Fuller, Paul Fuller, Jr., Domingo Gomez, Amanda Graybeal, Yvonne Griffith, Ruth Grimaldo, Nichole Hatchard, Randi Hawley, Christina Helton, Amy Hendricks, Jessica Hill, Tony Hirshbeel, Gary Hoenie, Jessica Jewell, Alexander Kirk, Jr., Amber Koerber, Elizabeth Martinez, Ben McElroy, Tina Nelson, Savanah Neville, Joe Newman, Jacob Noel, Leslie Noia, Ruben Rincon, Rosa Rivera, Phillip Rodriguez, Crystal Rothenberger, Diana Schlacter, Christina Siguaw, Michael Simien, Nubia Smith, Sally Smith, Tami Stone, Dean Stuart, Destiny Talley, Justin Verhoff, Rakita Warrior, Barbara Wasdin, Katrina Williams, Amanda Jane Witkoe, and Wanaw Woldeab.

"We appreciate Tongue Point so much. The student employees were outstanding and had a great attitude. It could not have been done without them." - Eva Hogue. North Coast Community in the Schools.

10/18/2000 Daily Astorian

Job Corps

Tongue Point Job Corps Center Welcomes New Safety & Security Manager

Bob Steiner

Tongue Point's new Safety & Security Manager, Bob Steiner, has 30 year's experience in the U.S. Coast Guard, having held positions as Commanding Officer, School Chief, and most recently Group Surface Operations Officer at the Coast Guard Group Astoria. Bob received his bachelor's degree from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

He has successfully managed personnel and facilities' safety and security programs at various sites across the nation.

Bob looks forward to a productive career with Management & Training Corporation at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

"I am excited about the role Job Corps plays in providing our youth with a means of personal and economic advancement. I look forward to using my skills and abilities to further that goal."

Tongue Point Job Corps Center Students of the Month, August 2000

COMMUNITY CORNER

Jessica Nicole Adams
Date of enrollment: 08/31/00
Vocation: Business/Clerical
Leadership accomplishment: Staff Aide, Mail Leader

Jessica works regularly in the cafeteria, volunteers for her dorms, and for on and off Center causes. She is a very warm, friendly, caring person who is concerned about others and always volunteering to help. Consistently a high achiever, she logged over 200 leadership hours in June and nearly 100 in August. In her vocation, she works as part of the vocation office team. She recently completed her vocation and is off to work at home after graduation. Her positive leadership and employability skills make her a joy to work with. She is also gracious and unselfish with her assistance.

"Jessica is a shining star who quietly works hard and is willing to go the extra mile. She is helpful and caring of other student employees and respectful of all." Counseling Staff

Heidi Bratton
Date of enrollment: 04/27/99
Vocation: Medical Assisting
Leadership accomplishment: Hall Leader, Peer Intervention Panel, Student Employee Advisory Council, Orientation Leader, Staff Aide, Center Review Board Panel Member

Heidi has been a diligent and valued member of her dorm and the different programs of which she has been a member. She is an excellent role model, humorous, exceptionally professional, and is a pleasure to work with. She is always professional and appropriate, willing to do anything she is asked, and goes out of her way to not only help the new student employees in class, but also to use her leadership skills to be a role model. She is appreciated for everything she does. She is an exceptional student-employee who plans to go into the Advanced Career Training Program

"Heidi has distinguished herself through intelligence, self-directed hard work, good cheer, and concern not only for her own needs, but the well being of those around her." Academic Instructor

Jaime Lopez
Date of enrollment: 03/14/00
Vocation: Glazing

Jaime volunteered for the Community Beach cleanup, assisted with the Scandinavian Festival garland, and helped set up and take down at the Scandinavian Festival. He learns fast and really stays busy. He is a good worker, who worked hard on the curtain wall project in the gym, and is an excellent student-employee, who is always working or volunteering for activities or events.

"Jaime is very personable and always looks for positives in people and situation." Counseling Staff

Wendy King
Date of enrollment: 08/14/99
Vocation: Business & Clerical
Leadership Accomplishment: Section Leader, Peer Intervention Panel Member

Wendy has been an outstanding performer in the residence, where she takes her jobs seriously and does them in a professional manner. She is a quick wit and is well-liked by staff and student-employees alike. In her vocation, she is an outstanding team player. At her Work-Based Learning site in the Group Life/Counseling office, she was a valuable assistant to staff and student-employees with her ready smile and job knowledge. She recently completed her vocation and begins Advanced Career Training at Clatsop Community College this fall.

"Wendy demonstrates excellent employability skills and always sets a positive example with her leadership skills." Vocational Instructor

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Students Of the Month- October 2000

Student Name: Ignacio Brambila
Date Of Enrollment: 07/29/99
Vocation: Accounting
Leadership Accomplishments: Orientation Leader, Staff Aide, Alternate Hall Leader, Dorm Council Vice President, Center Tour Guide, ESL Tutor in Vocation, SST Facilitator, Accounting Vocation Payroll Department Timekeeper

Ignacio is an exceptional student employee and an excellent role model. He always looks to help others, and has been known to take extra jobs at hall duties. Since arrival, he has received straight "5's" on room scores, and has a perfect personnel history. On his last Interview Assessment Panel, he attained 5.0 in Residential, Academic, and Vocational performance. He puts forth 100% effort in everything he pursues, and is of the highest character. His communicates skills have gone from no English, to interpreting for others. In his vocation, he has been diligent since entering earlier this year. He continuously volunteers to help students, he helps staff with curriculum, and he has an excellent work ethic. He continues to impress with his social skills and production rate - with all the assistance he offers others, he still has a high production rate on his own curriculum. After an outstanding effort, he earned his high school diploma.

"Ignacio consistently models a cheerful work ethic, concern for others, and a sense of higher purpose that will not only lead him to a good life, but will also improve the lives of those around him." Academics Staff

No Picture Available

Student Name: Morgan Chapman
Date of Enrollment: 01/18/00
Vocation: HBI Facility Maintenance
Leadership Accomplishments: Hall Leader, CRB Member

Morgan has been a Hall Leader for over 7 months, during which time he has worked miracles on his hall in developing a team effort. He is super reliable co-operative and willing to go the extra mile. He is an excellent leader. He was also a Peer Review Board Member and helped tremendously. He is very professional and personable, with no personnel history. He is very mature, highly motivated, and demonstrates patience and problem-solving skills when working with others. He is self-motivated and determined to succeed. He has had two mentions and two high evaluations. In his vocation, Morgan helped complete the storage room in the vocation, contributed to completion of bathrooms between BAM and Electrical and has taken complete responsibility for remodel work in Residence 4.

"At the end of the day, his integrity is intact, and he has usually turned in work he and his vocation can be proud of." Vocational Instructor

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Ruth Post: Starting over and helping others through Job Corps

Ruth Post says that if she disappears from the hallways at Astor House, it's because someone has her ear.

A senior has summoned her to share a story or needs some attention.

"That's my favorite thing, listening to them talk," the 22-year-old Job Corps student says. "And I'm a gabber."

In turn, the residents at the assisted-living facility take care of Post. "They're like my family there," she says.

"Sometimes I'm tired, you know? And the seniors will say, 'You should just sneak in here and take a nap. I've got a nice couch.'

"They're great that way. I never have a dull moment."

When Post arrived at Tongue Point Job Corps Center in early June from Silverdale, Wash., she hadn't realized how sorely she'd neglected her self-esteem.

"I thought, at 20, my 'glory days' had come and gone," she says.

A series of eight deaths in Post's family, including her mother's death from cancer, had turned her world upside down.

"I forgot what I wanted to focus on," Post says, "and I forgot how to get there. Job Corps retaught me."

Part of the Job Corps' experience is practicing employability skills and work-based learning in the community. While talking with a counselor over which work path to chose, the discussion turned again and again to nursing.

Everyday people
Getting to know your neighbors

The counselor looked at her. "You must read a lot, you know so much."

Post's mother had been a nurse.

She decided to give it a try.

"The more I explore it, the more I want to go into it," Post says four months later. "Life has a way of twisting and turning and stopping sometimes."

Now she spends up to 20 hours a week at Astor House helping in any way needed, from kitchen work to taking blood pressures to being a friend. In addition, she is taking a certified nursing assistant's licensing class at Clatsop Care Center.

"It's helping me grow and get over the people I've lost in the past," Post says.

She's fast becoming a crusader for her friends and can talk nonstop about the merits of assisted living.

"We want seniors to make as many choices as they can about the quality of their care.

Post can relate to seniors' frustration at having limited choices sometimes. After all, she is told when to go to bed at Job Corps.

"It makes me respect what they're going through. I'm not getting (set) in my ways yet ... I haven't had a routine for 70 years, then had it interrupted!"

Post is helping plan a senior health fair at Astor House from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 1. She'll rally some of her classmates at Tongue Point to take vital signs. Diabetes screening, flu shots and lots of information are planned, snacks, too. "We're interested to show what we do and where we live," she says.

Post does the same for the incoming students at Job Corps. An orientation leader, she has advised younger women: "Remember why you came here: For a better life, for school."

She's proud of her friends' accomplishments at Job Corps and calls the amount of community service the school puts back into the community "nuts." (In a good way.)

Post is also not afraid to call the community to task on labeling Job Corps students.

"The community has a blanket effect toward Job Corps. We get called 'Jobbies.' I don't think that's fair," she said. "I challenge the community to come out, take a tour and see what we're all about. The one kid a store owner hears using foul language doesn't have to reflect on the rest of us."

In such situations Post turns to her motto – "Keep the prize in sight."

— Jill Foreman

JILL FOREMAN – The Daily Astorian
Tongue Point Job Corps student Ruth Post, right, found her calling after meeting seniors at Astor House. Deaths in Post's family, including her mother, caused her to rethink priorities.

SEASIDE SIGNAL 11/1/00

Red Light/Green Light

Christmas merrymakers building up decoration stock

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JILL FOREMAN – The Daily Astorian
Welders Chris Salfen, left, Tom Dill, center, and Donnie Forshey hold pieces of the first 7-foot candy cane. They are volunteering their work for The Christmas Club, which is building decorations for downtown Astoria.

Preparation for Christmas has begun in The Candy Cane Shop.

Last month, The Daily Astorian featured Tim O'Bryant, aka Mr. Christmas, and his elves' plans to make the Christmas decorations in downtown Astoria even bigger and better than last year.

Dubbed the "merrymakers," the volunteers formed a nonprofit organization called The Christmas Club. The group rallied commitments from local artisans and electricians to hand make the designs and asked the community for donations to buy supplies.

Daily, O'Bryant faithfully goes to the group's mailbox to see if there is any money from the community. So far, $4,100 has been raised. The group estimates it needs $10,000 to buy all the materials. The sweat work is free. O'Bryant said there's a donation "almost every night," – sometimes it's $5 other times it's $50. It all adds up.

And now it's happening, folks.

Every night volunteer welders head to the Warrenton shop to pound out 7-foot metal candy canes and Christmas stockings. The three-dimensional pieces of art will be wrapped snugly in gay garlands (arriving today, O'Bryant said) and will hang lit with lights. The Christmas Club will hang five candy canes and five Christmas stockings on Marine Drive from the Astoria Aquatic Center and Hauer's Cyclery Shop.

Other projects include two metal banners for the entrance and exit on Commercial Street with Christmas greetings spelled out in lights.

It gets better. This is in addition to last year's white lights, hanging garlands, restored bells and lanterns on Commercial Street.

A huge metal star, to be festooned with white lights, is in the works.

And there's a gigantic, 40-foot tall Christmas tree on order from the Willamette Valley. It will be situated across from the Aquatic Center and hand-made wire Christmas presents that light up at night will form a circle around it.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center has donated its bucket truck and manpower to dress the town next month. Christmas Club members are hoping a downtown building will be donated to the effort so they can have a center for operations during the hanging time. (The current shop is in Warrenton.)

The Christmas Club plans to hang all the decorations the weekend before Thanksgiving then have a celebration lighting Thanksgiving night "after our dinners," O'Bryant said.

Donations can be sent to The Christmas Club, P.O. Box 62, Astoria, OR 97103

— Jill Foreman

Red Light/Green Light features periodic updates on construction and development, trends and other issues in the news.

Seltzer Park ceremony Saturday

Seaside Signal photo by Jerry Ruecker

Benches are lined up waiting for placement as workers completed final touches on Seltzer Park Oct. 30. More engraved bricks have been purchased and were being installed. Dedication of the park is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. See story on page 10A.

Seltzer Park set to Open Nov. 4

Cove to benefit from public restrooms, view from bench areas

By Jerry Ruecker
Seaside Signal staff

Following years of construction and volunteer labor, Seaside's newest public park is completed and ready to open.

Seltzer Park, located in the Cove area, will be dedicated Saturday, Nov. 4. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. and the public is invited to attend.

"We are very pleased to announce that Seltzer Park is ready for use by all of the good people of Seaside and their visitors," said Mayor Rosemary Baker-Monaghan.

Ken Gurian, who succeeded John Burr as president of NORA, Inc., the group which organized the construction of the facility, said many people and organizations had a hand in developing the park.

Gurian singled out Burr as having lead the effort to raise funds and materials for the park. He also praised Burr, a former Seaside city councilor and chair of the Seaside Improvement Commission, for involving the Job Corps in the project.

"It was an excellent training site for the Job Corps personnel and we all have benefited as a result of their good work," Burr said.

The idea for the park began more than six years ago when the Seltzer family donated land to the city.

Jerry Seltzer arranged concerts to raise funds for the project, including performances in Seaside by The Smothers Brothers and Willie Nelson.

A number of park benches were also sold and more than 650 commemorative bricks adorn the walkways of the park — each purchased and bearing the engraved names of locals and visitors alike.

"I have really been impressed with the cooperation of the people who work for all of us in city hall, public works and city planning," Gurian said. "Their guidance and help in meeting the codes and in finding the right materials and methods has made the completion of the park possible."

Gurian added that it "has truly been an example of a city, local businesses and private citizens working together for the benefit of all."

NORA leased the park from the city for $1 a year during the construction process. When completed, the lease will be terminated and the park will return to city ownership.

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Volunteers put fizz into park

ANDY CARPENEAN – The Daily Astorian
Mason Lagerquist of Lagerquist and Sons Brick and Stone, left, attempts to read the name engraved on one of 675 bricks being placed in the sidewalk at Seltzer park. Gloria Seltzer-Guian of Seaside assists in organizing the bricks to be placed.

Six years of hard work pays off for Seltzer Park supporters

By BRAD BOLCHUNOS
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Two words on a postcard go a long way in conveying the feelings of people working to make Seltzer Park a reality: "At last!"

After more than six years of fund-raising and volunteer-based construction, a public dedication ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday to open the park at The Cove in the south end of Seaside.

Seltzer Park will be ready for use by all Seaside residents and visitors, said Mayor Rosemary Baker-Monaghan. "We are very pleased."

A supporter of the project from its inception, Baker-Monaghan plans to be among those at the ceremony recognizing people who have played roles in the park development.

The local nonprofit group NORA Inc. – Neighbors Organizing Recreational Areas – spearheaded the effort. "It has been a labor of love and volunteerism," said Ken Gurian, NORA president.

Among key people to be thanked Saturday is John Burr, the former president of NORA. Burr led the process through all of the fund-raising, donations of time and materials by local businesses, and the labor donated by Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Students completed most of the construction and concrete work whenever scheduling and weather allowed. "It was an excellent training site for the Job Corps personnel, and we all have benefited as a result of their good work," Burr said.

The small park includes public restrooms beneath an elevated walkway lined with benches, offering an exceptional view of the Pacific Ocean and the Prom. Landscaping will be completed in the spring, but the rest of work, including the installation of brick pavers, was completed this week.

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Park: Space set for statue

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The park site is purported to be in the vicinity of Indian trading grounds once visited by Sacagawea, the young Shoshone woman who served as an interpreter on the Lewis and Clark expedition. The Cove was logical as a trading post for fish and other articles, given its proximity to where the Necanicum formerly flowed into the Pacific Ocean, Burr said.

Space has been reserved at the park for a sculpture in honor of Sacagawea, who is credited with helping the Corps of Discovery gain acceptance among various tribes as a mission of peace. "Fund-raising for the sculpture continues, and we have pursued the possibility of tribal sponsorship and possibilities with a Northwest college," said Kathleen Wysong of the Friends of Sacagawea Committee.

NORA officials have said Seltzer Park will be an asset for people walking north from the trails at Tillamook Head and those who walk south of The Prom, as well as surfers and wave watchers at the Cove. The nearest public restrooms are in the public school administration building at 1801 S. Franklin St., or at The Turnaround.

The idea for a park at The Cove originated after the Seltzer family donated the land, which has approximately 150 feet of ocean frontage. The Seltzers had been coming to Seaside for summers since the early half of the 1900s.

But the city could not afford to develop a park. In 1994, city councilors contemplated selling half of the parcel to build public restrooms on the other half.

Baker-Monaghan and Burr were among residents who stridently opposed dividing the property. Gloria Seltzer Gurian, a Seaside resident, said she felt people could work together to "build something more there than a concrete block," recalled her husband, Ken Gurian.

City councilors responded with a challenge. They offered to keep the property undivided and even toss in a city contribution of $21,000 if the community could raise the additional money for park development – a total previously valued at more than $150,000.

So NORA was born. In exchange for donations, it began selling inscribed benches made of recycled bottles, and inscribed bricks for the park's paver path. More than 650 commemorative bricks have been sold so far, and sales continue.

Jerry Seltzer arranged fund-raising concerts by the Smothers Brothers. They gave a concert in Seaside, garnering donations that included $12,000 worth of fill dirt. He also set up a concert featuring his long-time friend, Willie Nelson, who appeared at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in 1995 and followed in 1996 with a concert at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. People came from as far away as Alaska and Philadelphia for the event, which was accompanied by a two-day music and auction festival.

The Gurians said they have been impressed by the guidance of city public works and planning officials as well as the overall cooperation of the city, local business owners and residents.

The result will benefit everyone, Gloria Seltzer Gurian said. "We not only have restrooms under the park, but also a number of benches overlooking the beach and ocean, warm showers for the surfers frequenting The Cove, and, when the planting is complete in the spring, a lovely park added to the area."

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Students Make A Difference

Great Columbia Crossing

Dozens of Tongue Point student employees and staff participated in the Great Columbia Crossing as runners, walkers, and volunteers to support the weekend array of events. Several student employees volunteered to fill over 3,000 bags with snacks and other goodies. Job Corps volunteers assisted with the Youth on the Move event, where children, ages 3-12, participated in a softball toss, obstacle courses, and relay races. Volunteers also assisted with race set up, registration, and parking, and served during the chowder feed. Tongue Point sponsored two teams of bridge crossing participants: one team of staff members and one team of student employees. All student and staff participants enjoyed the opportunity to help with such a worthwhile community event and to Make A Difference!

Great Oregon Beach Fall Clean-up

On October 4th, a large group of Tongue Point Job Center student employees volunteered in the Great Oregon Beach Fall Clean-up, where they gathered numerous bags of litter throughout the day. Afterwards, they were treated to a fall picnic at the beach. The student's volunteer efforts contributed in making Clatsop beaches more beautiful and environmentally safe! Thank you, Tongue Point volunteers, for making a difference in our community!

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Staff Member of the Month-October, 2000

Emilia Patterson

This staff member came to Tongue Point in July of 1996 as an on-call Residential Advisor. Her talents with our ESL students were soon noticed, and she was also put to work as on-call ESL Instructor. We finally convinced her to apply for a permanent position on Center, and she was hired as a full-time Residential Advisor for Residence One in February of 2000, and then for Residence Two in September of 2000.

Her warm, friendly demeanor and her bright, cheerful smile are both welcoming and reassuring to our student employees. With a soft-spoken voice and a caring heart, this staff person reaches out to our student employees and our staff, helping them to succeed. Her interventions not only hold the students accountable, but leave them feeling as though someone took time out of their day to care about them. This is because she is never judgmental, but treats each student employee with respect.

Student employees look forward to the weekends when this staff member displays her talents in the kitchen. It is during this time of food preparation that this staff person displays her best role modeling and teamwork skills, working individually with the groups of student employees who help her to create a dish to be spoken of for weeks to come. Her successful ESL and Rec Snack programs have drawn student employees from all over Center, not just from her immediate dorm. In addition to PIP, Rec Snack, and ESL, this staff person worked very hard to reorganize and revitalize the Staff Aide and Quiet Hour Monitor programs in Residence One.

She is dedicated to the students of Tongue Point Job Corps and she works very hard to ensure that they are taken care of and their needs are met. Throughout all of her duties in the dorms, staff and students have never heard one complaint. She works diligently to support and serve our staff and students.

"I enjoy working with young adults, knowing that I can be a part of their success is a great achievement for me."

Lorna Hakanson

This staff member has worked at Tongue Point Job Corps Center since February of 2000. In that short amount of time, this staff member has consistently displayed a "can-do" attitude, demonstrated a willingness to not just do the job, but to do quality work, and remains upbeat and positive through it all.

This staff member is always looking for ways to improve things for both the staff and the student employees; promotes a positive attitude among staff and student employees, and has a strong desire to ensure that the Center remains a clean, safe environment in which to live and learn.

This staff member's supervisor consistently receives compliments from others on Center about the caliber of work done by this employee; she meets the demands of the job with a smile.

"I sincerely believe that Job Corps can, and does help our student employees. I am just a piece of the puzzle to the wonderful staff that achieves this task."

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North Tongue Point developers hint at strategy and timetable

❑ Those involved lay groundwork for major waterfront activity

By KAREN MOCKLER and BERNHARD GROSS
The Daily Astorian

Infrastructure isn't exciting. But it can be the precedent to development.

At North Tongue Point, Washington Development and Cresmont Technical Services are quietly laying the groundwork for major activity.

Since Washington Development Co. Inc. of Missoula, Mont., completed the purchase of the 34-acre site from the state of Oregon in early October, it has invested $50,000 in the site, making it more accessible for heavy trucks and equipment. Next on the list is renovation of the main building. Repowering the piers with electricity and water is also contemplated. Dredging is scheduled to begin in December.

On Thursday of last week, Kyle Washington, owner of Washington Development, hosted a cocktail party at the Rosebriar Inn attended by more than 40 representatives of business and local and state government. Guests included Mayor Willis Van Dusen, Port Director Peter Gearin, several city councilors and county commissioners, Assistant Director of the Division of State Lands Steve Purchase and Bob Melbo, president of Willamette and Pacific Railroad of Albany.

Washington Development made no announcements on specific plans for what his company now

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Project: Cresmont's Bill Kelley admits dredging development is somewhat speculative

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calls Washington North Tongue Point.

But a direction seems clear. The plan is to develop the Columbia River site into a marine industrial facility capable of attracting business from outside as well as from other Washington family companies.

"Now we're trying to outfit the facility so it really is a no-brainer to come here," said Bill Kelley of Cresmont Technical Services in an interview Wednesday with The Daily Astorian.

Cresmont has a 10-year contract to manage and market the site for Washington Development. Cresmont lured the mammoth company to buy Tongue Point for $4 million when state officials decided to offload the former military base after Cresmont and other lessees had failed to make anything happen at the site following its purchase in 1980.

Cresmont had leased the site from the state since 1994, but found it difficult to attract business. The state did what it could. Kelley says that nobody wanted to invest in the site because the short leases Cresmont could offer, based on its own lease agreement with the state, didn't ensure profitable returns.

"It's the same thing as renting a house and putting $50,000 into it and it still doesn't belong to you," said Larry Campbell, site manager at North Tongue Point.

Cresmont had a 10-year renewable lease with the state – in effect, 30 years. That might be sufficient for a $10 or 20 million investment, Kelley said, but for a more significant capital investment, banks want to see a lease of at least 50 years. Large marine terminals up and down the coast traditionally have 100 year leases.

Now that the site is privatized, things are different for Washington and other potential investors, Kelley said. "Every building they build, the value of the property goes up. It's a great position to be in."

Cresmont's role is to run the site and to check out potential businesses, presenting the ones that pass muster to Washington Development, which stamps approval.

They hope to attract three or four catcher-processor factory ships from the Seattle area, with 60 to 80 people per ship, Kelley said.

Some of the ships would do their processing on board, including freezing, cooking or canning. Those have a core crew and a number of seasonal workers, Kelley said.

Ten years ago, mooring costs were nothing, a line item in the budget. But with today's narrow fishing windows, "They've gotta look at it now," he said. "It's a cost that's hurting them."

The plan to bring these vessels to the Columbia's mouth has been tried and met with resistance because the factory ships' large crews are ensconced in Puget Sound residences and communities.

Cresmont is leading "substantive" talks with several ship operators, Kelley said. He is also meeting almost daily with dredge contractors, focusing on the seasonal window of opportunity for dredging, Nov. 1 to mid-February.

Kelley admits that dredging is half speculative. But he is confident. "You have to build it so they will come," he said. Other factors in the fishing equation are storage and transportation. Cresmont is looking into both.

"In our market studies, we've heard, 'Wow, if you just had cold storage.' Well, we're listening."

One of the biggest costs for vessel owners is transportation.

That could be addressed by the railroad that runs along the site and is owned by Willamette and Pacific Railroad, which owns the line from Portland.

But the fishing industry is only one aspect Cresmont is exploring. It is open to any suggestions that fit into the master plan and zoning for the site, which is marine commercial.

In December, trade and maritime magazines will run full-page ads for Tongue Point, Kelley said, announcing: "Will build to suit.""

If it does build, Cresmont wants to use local contractors whenever possible, he added.

"If we can get the job done by an Astoria business, we will use an Astoria business. That's our goal and commitment."

Cresmont has always seen the site's potential, he said. "You couldn't in your wildest dreams build a place like this, if you could get the permits in the first place."

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TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER

Student Employees Take Their Show On The Road

On Thursday, October 12, Dental Assisting student employees, Melissa Gendron and Toni Robertson, taught three-and-four-year olds at the Ilwaco Headstart program how to brush their teeth properly. Melissa and Toni brought with them two posters: one picturing a healthy tooth and some of the foods that support good tooth care, and the other showing an unhealthy tooth and some of the foods that are bad for teeth.

The Dental Assisting students spoke about how important it is to brush twice a day and taught the Head Start youngsters how to brush their teeth with a hands-on demonstration. The Tongue Point student employees also told the children about the importance of regular visits to the dentist. Head Start teacher, Jan Johnson, praised Melissa and Toni for the presentation.

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Bucket brigade

ABOVE: Fishermen fill pail after pail with spring salmon from a fish pen Tuesday morning at Tongue Point. About 20 student volunteers from Astoria High School assisted, forming a human bucket brigade, starting from the fish pens, leading to a fish transfer truck at the top of the pier.

LEFT: From the front to the end of the line, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Experimental Fisheries Biologist Robert Brooks unloads a pail of spring salmon into the tank of a fish liberation truck at Tongue Point Tuesday. Up to 50,000 Salmon were unloaded from two pens.

Photos by ANDY CARPENEAN – The Daily Astorian

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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Congratulations to Tongue Point's November 2000 Graduation Class!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS!
It means the world to them.

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**Meskerem Abebe
**Jessica Nicole Adams
**Misty Allen
**Jennifer Anderson
**Natasha Clayton
**Tanesha Harris
Krista Fralick
Terra Gantz
Nick Kardel
**Mira Kuzmenko
Charles Stokes

Printing
Kelli Barnes

Culinary Arts
Jessica Gordon

Carpentry
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Around Clatsop County

CEDC volunteers and students use ingenious method to move fish

Bucket brigade moves 50,000 salmon fingerlings for transport

ASTORIA — Borrowing a technique used by firefighters of yesteryear, volunteers formed a "bucket brigade" Tuesday, Nov. 14, to carry 50,000 salmon fingerlings from rearing pens to a transport truck at Tongue Point east of Astoria.

Commercial fishermen and a dozen students in Astoria High School's salmon biology class helped Clatsop County Economic Development Council's Fisheries Project staff move the spring chinook fingerlings to pens at Blind Slough near Brownsmead.

CEDC staff pulled the nets to one end of the pen to trap the fish, then dipped them out into buckets.

The students and fishermen lined the ramp and handed buckets of wriggling fish up to the pier, where they were emptied into the truck for the drive.

Jon Westerholm and his brother, Jerry, turned out to help.

"Because I am a commercial fisherman and because it's important to the community to do what we can to help out," said Westerholm, a Knappa resident who has fished for 50 years, since he was a small boy alongside his father.

Willis Van Dusen Jr. and Andria Hoffman were among the students who pitched in. She is studying salmon reproduction for her senior project. He said he wanted the hands-on experience of working with fish.

Started in 1976, the CEDC Fisheries Project salmon enhancement program augments the Columbia River salmon fishing industry by raising salmon in net pens for select-area fisheries.

The net-pen sites are in "select" areas where sport and commercial harvest can occur on selected stocks while allowing protection of mainstem Columbia threatened or endangered stocks.

The project is funded by grants by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Bonneville Power Administration and poundage fees paid by local processors and fishermen.

– Seaside Signal staff report

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Tongue Point Job Corps

COMMUNITY CORNER

Students Of the Month- November 2000

Student Name: Melissa Dyer
Date Of Enrollment: 02/01/00
Vocation: Accounting
Leadership Accomplishments: Student Employee Advisory Council, Peer Intervention Panel

Melissa volunteered four hours for the Great Columbia Crossing event preparations and six hours for the Youth on the Move event. In February she volunteered at the Red Cross blood drive; in April she participated in the River Front Cleanup; and this summer she volunteered for the Regatta Parade. In her residence, she has consistently high room scores, makes people feel comfortable in peer intervention panels, and has a positive attitude. She also acts as tour guide for Center visitors, is the vocation orientation leader for new student employees, assists in the Center Review Board process, and has a perfect personnel history.

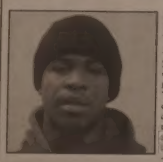
"What I really like about Job Corps is how willing the staff is to work with you and the benefits the program has to offer, like the number of different vocations, the education, the recreation activities, and being able to go on for advanced training."

"Melissa is a shining star who quietly works hard and is willing to go the extra mile. She is helpful and caring of other student-employees and respectful of all." -Vocational staff

Student Name: Wilhelmina Bixby
Date Of Enrollment: 04/25/00
Vocation: Business & Clerical
Leadership Accomplishments: Hall Leader, Dorm Council President

Wilhelmina consistently volunteers for any project taking place. She recently participated in the Great Columbia Crossing and worked at the International Food Fair. She is soft spoken, easy going, and eager to learn, improve, and do well. She enrolled in Algebra, although she did not need it for her vocation. She is helpful and conscious of other people's feelings. Wilhelmina has earned high privilege, has no unexcused absences, has perfect room scores, and a perfect personnel history. "I appreciate the Job Corps program because of all the opportunities and all the doors that have opened for me."

"Wilhelmina's work ethic and pride in her heritage are both things I truly admire in her." -Counseling staff



Student Name: Marcus Edwards
Date Of Enrollment: 01/18/00
Vocation: Seamanship
Leadership Accomplishments: Hall Leader, Dorm Kitchen Crew

Marcus is soft spoken, has a positive attitude, is very respectful, and regularly volunteers for his dorm. He is respected by student employees for his serious focus on his training. He holds weekend sports seminars in his residence hall's TV room. He has high privilege and a perfect personnel history. Marcus demonstrates good work ethics in his vocation, works and studies hard, and attends to new tasks with enthusiasm. "What I like about Job Corps is a chance to meet people from different backgrounds and cultures. I've come to a better environment, I've learned a lot, and the program will put me in a great position to succeed."

"Marcus shows very good leadership ability and tends to be a calming influence with his peers."

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Key to operation

The staff and volunteers at the Clatsop County Animal Shelter would like to recognize the contribution that Tongue Point Job Corps student Priscilla Luna has made to our operation. When Priscilla walked through the shelter door her first day, she brought with her integrity, intelligence and compassion. From the outset she entered into her various tasks with eagerness, proving herself to be hardworking and quietly efficient. Her deep love for animals shows itself in everything she does.

Born and raised in Fresno, Calif., Priscilla has four months training left before returning home. There she will attend college and pursue her dream of becoming a veterinarian's technician.

We appreciate her friendship and shall miss her. We wish her every success.

TOMMIE BRUNICK
Clatsop County Animal Control supervisor
RICK IRISH
Animal control officer
Warrenton

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The Staff and Students of Tongue Point Job Corps Center would like to wish everyone

Happy Holidays!

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SEASIDE SIGNAL 12/7/00

CCC graduates 144 students with GED

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College held a General Educational Development (GED) graduation and recognition ceremony Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Performing Arts Center in Astoria.

According to Paula St. James, college director of communications, 144 students received a certificate.

GED preparation classes are free at CCC. To achieve a GED certificate students must successfully pass a series of five tests; one each in math, writing, literature, social studies, and sciences.The fee for the five tests is $70 and there is a $9 fee for each retake.

CCC also provides a pretest for GED candidates so that they can find out their readiness to take the GED tests.

St. James said a new GED test begins in January 2002 that will upgrade the format that was originally set in 1942.

"The new GED is supposed to be more in-line with educational thinking and practices of today's high schools," said Fred White, CCC's test administrator.

"For example, one of the changes will allow one portion of the math test to be done with a calculator."

St. James said that with a new test approaching, it is imperative for people currently testing to complete all the tests before December 2001 or they loose all their scores and have to start over again. Even more urgent, she added, was that people who started their GED in 1996 and 1997 must complete it by the end of this year.

Last year Clatsop Community College tested 525 students and 303 certificates were earned. Of this group, 176 were from Tongue Point Job Corps and 127 from local areas including Washington residents.

National statistics indicate that more than 95 percent of employers in the U.S. consider GED graduates the same as traditional high school graduates in regard to hiring, salary and opportunity for advancement. In 1999, nearly 860,000 adults took the GED tests, a 4.5 percent increase over 1998 figures.

– Seaside Signal staff report

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Staff Members of the Month-December 2000

Tommy Norlin, Vehicle Operator

This unique employee has been at Tongue Point Job Corps Center since 1986. He starts his day early in the morning while most of us are still asleep. He is always on time, rain or shine, with an attitude that reflects the love and concern he has for the students. He greets student employees with a smile, a good morning, and a how-are-you-doing? He listens to them, hears their concerns and fears, and gives them honest feedback and a positive way to approach the day.

Tommy is truly a pleasure to be around - his sense of humor brings laughter to students and to his coworkers. His attitude reflects his love of his job - he willingly rearranges his work schedule on a minute's notice if need be. He always leaves a good feeling behind him, and gives his coworkers an excellent example to follow. We are very pleased to have Tommy Norlin in the transportation department, and are proud to recognize him as December 2000 Staff Member of the Month.

"I am proud to be part of a program that gives inexperienced young people the opportunity to learn a trade and be able to enter society as responsible adults."

Jim Gordon, Vocational Instructor, Printing

This staff member has been employed at Tongue Point Job Corps Center for seven years and, in that time, has had a real impact with student employees and staff members alike. He always makes an extra effort with students, giving them the individual assistance they need, particularly those with special needs. He is very positive, has an excellent work ethic, and models these and other such qualities to the students. He emphasizes success as the student employees' main focus by recognizing their accomplishments, small and large. He works to build their self-confidence and helps them recognize their potential.

He assures that he always produces a high-quality product - whether that product is a brochure, a pamphlet, or a highly employable Tongue Point Job Corps Center graduate. Because of these and many other qualities, it is with pleasure that we congratulate December 2000 Staff Member of the Month, Jim Gordon.

"I truly enjoy the challenge of the job, the diversity of the students, the camaraderie among staff, and the fact that this is an ever-changing program, and there is always something different."

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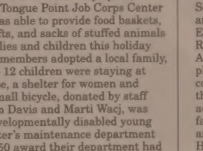
Tongue Point Job Corps

Tongue Point Job Corps Center Staff And Students Adopt A Family For The Holidays

Due to the outpouring of generosity from staff members and student employees, Tongue Point Job Corps Center was able to provide food baskets, Christmas gifts, and sacks of stuffed animals to many families and children this holiday season. Staff members adopted a local family, in addition to 12 children were staying at Pioneer House, a shelter for women and children. A small bicycle, donated by staff members, Jim Davis and Marti Wacj, was given to a developmentally disabled young boy. The Center's maintenance department donated a $250 award their department had received to purchase gifts for the Center's "adoptees." Additionally, we are deeply proud of the Student Employee Advisory Council (the Center's student government association) who chose to donate $1,000.00 from funds they had raised to purchase Christmas gifts and food for three families.



We would like to thank the many staff members and student employees who went out of their way to brighten the holidays for so many people. A special thank-you to all of the Student Employee Advisory Council members and to the following staff members: Stephanie Jones, SEAC Coordinator; Amanda Reynolds, Group Life Secretary; and Sherrie Edwards, Recreation Advisor, for planning and coordinating this year's adopt-a-family project and to Heather Hyde, Recreation Advisor, for creating the angel ornaments for the Center's "giving" tree.

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Job Corps welcomes new directors

Theresa Joseph has been promoted to the position of social development director at Tongue Point Job Corps Center. Prior to joining the Tongue Point staff, Joseph was the counseling manager at the Hawaii Job Corps Center, operated by Management & Training Corporation. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and was previously a captain in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps.

Theresa Joseph

Galen Rose is Tongue Point's new director of employability development. Originally from Utah, Rose held various positions at Southern Utah University, the University of Utah and ITT Technical Institute. Most recently he was chief academic officer at Columbia Gorge Community College. Rose has 21 years experience in post-secondary education. He holds a bachelor's degree in zoology/chemistry, a master's in education psychology/counseling and is currently completing his doctorate in educational leadership at Portland State University.

Galen Rose

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Tongue Point dredging start signals progress

❑ Cresmont's Kelley sees project kicking into gear

By KAREN MOCKLER
The Daily Astorian

Dredging at Tongue Point begins today or Thursday, following a two-month delay.

Bill Kelley of Seattle-based Cresmont, who handles business development for the Washington Group, said the company obtained a permit Thursday to dredge both sides of Pier 4, the first of five piers it intends to reactivate. Fire and potable water systems at the pier have already been reconnected.

Cresmont had originally hoped to start dredging in early December. It obtained state and federal permits three years ago, Kelley said, and renewed them on an annual basis.

But from the time the permit was first issued until now, salmon on the Columbia River were listed, and the National Marine Fisheries Service wanted to take a second look.

Initially NMFS wanted to suspend the permit, then said the company could do a voluntary consultation instead. A series of Portland meetings followed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NMFS and the Department of Environmental Quality about how the company would handle spoils once they came ashore.

As a result, Washington Group "significantly modified" their dredge operating plan and spoils disposition plan, Kelley said.

The current permit approves dredging 40,000 cubic yards, but the group lost two months' time.

"We will dredge right up through Feb. 28," Kelley said, the day the season's dredging window closes.

In time, the group intends to dredge more than 650,000 cubic yards.

Hickey Marine of Portland is the contractor. Land side operations and spoil site preparations have been subcontracted to Jim Wilkins Co. of Astoria.

Kelley said he expects interest in the site to kick into gear.

"Once the clamshell hits the water, that really puts us in a position of strength."

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center

Congratulations to Tongue Point's Jan. 2001 Graduation Class!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS!
It means the world to them.

Pre-Apprentice Carpentry:
John Aldrich
Shane Fender

Welding:
**Dessie Boba
Jeff Johnson

Accounting:
**Ignacio Brambila, Jr.
**Jason Lemieux
Carmen Salgado

Clerical Occupations:
Cherrylynn Demel
Jeremiah Enderud
Teresa Gast
**Jeremy Hagblom
Barbara Jackson
Jeff Johnson
Travis Lawson
**Jason Lemieux
Jamie Olsen

Printing:
Fitsum Desta

Medical Assisting:
Maria Calderon
**Jackson Lawless
Jessica Slover
Katrina Williams

Pre-Apprentice Plastering:
Kelly Cooper

Culinary Arts:
Jennifer Duncan
Thomas 'TJ' Fitze

Nursing Assistant:
Crystal Anderson
**Melissa Hagblom
**Ruth Post
Jamie Thomas

**Honor Graduates

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Staff Members Of the Month- January 2001

Marty Lindholm, Dental Assistant

Some people are just plain nice and professional and that certainly describes this employee! Hired on September 26, 2000, Marty has been with Job Corps a short time, but she can be very proud of the quality of work she does. As a graduate of Tongue Point Job Corps, Marty models a strong work ethic, positive attitude, integrity, and professionalism. She understands holding student employees accountable with positive interventions. She has a good sense of humor, is compassionate and fair toward the students, and communicates well. She demonstrates great support for the team effort in the Health Services Department. Marty enjoys her work and it shows. She is organized, a self-starter, a team player, a positive influence and role model, and a welcome addition to the Health Services staff!

"I love my job because of the student employees and staff. Everyone makes my job fun and interesting. The best part for me is being able to give back to Tongue Point Job Corps. It gave me a lot when I was a student."

Toney Newton, Floating Residential Advisor

Toney started his career at Tongue Point Job Corps Center on July 17, 2000, as an on-call member of the Group Life Department. He made an immediate impression because of his willingness to work any shift, any day, with very little notice (a supervisor's dream!). He worked extensively in recreation and the dorms before becoming a full-time residential advisor in October. Some of the comments from staff about Toney include: "He is always willing to help out when we need him." "He has a positive attitude and relates very well with students." "He is very much an asset to the Center." Tony now roams the campus in the late evening, making sure our Center is a safe place for everyone. You will recognize Toney in the dark shadows, in the pouring-down rain, carrying his trusty flashlight and wrapped in his warm coat. But his most identifying trademark is his Minnesota Vikings cap – he is never without it. Even though he cannot pick a decent football team, we are very glad he picked Tongue Point as his second home.

"I love being part of a team that helps the student employees develop themselves into being not just capable employees, but capable people as well. The most rewarding aspect of my job is seeing the students recognize their own success. I absolutely love to see and hear of their accomplishments."

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Tongue Point Job Corps

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Students Of the Month- January 2001

Left to right: Kevin Bustmante, Bonnie Minor, Jamie Snow. (Not pictured: Daniel Morte)

Student Name: Bonnie Minor
Date Of Enrollment: 02/01/00
Vocation: Business & Clerical
Leadership Positions: Quiet Hour Monitor, Peer Intervention Panel, Senior Hall Leader

Bonnie has received numerous awards for volunteering for extra duties for staff and other student employees. Even after she resigned as a member of Peer Intervention Panels, she filled in wherever needed. Bonnie has almost completed the Business & Clerical program and is attending Human Development 95: Introduction to College. She has an excellent work record and is an exceptional student employee, earning herself a position of trust and respect in her vocation. She is a fine example to new students of what can be accomplished at Job Corps. She is confident and takes pride in her accomplishments, an outstanding student employee, an exceptional role model to her peers, and a great asset to this Center.

"Job Corps has taught me a lot of new computer technology and many leadership qualities, plus the abilities and qualities I will need in the future." -Bonnie Minor

"Bonnie models professionalism and a positive attitude." -TPJC Staff

Student Name: Kevin Bustamante
Date Of Enrollment: 05/23/00 • Vocation: Business & Clerical • Leadership Positions: Section Leader, Peer Intervention Panel

Kevin takes his responsibilities seriously and has done a fine job in the leadership positions he has held. He is very friendly and outgoing and always willing to lend a helping hand. He is always courteous, helpful, and a role model for other students. Kevin has consistently achieved high phase on his performance evaluations. He is a valued asset to the Center. He is completing his vocation at an advanced level while attending Human Development 95: Introduction to College. He is a very capable, responsible, and dependable performer.

"Job Corps has had a great impact on my life. It has helped me complete my education and get into college, which I never thought I would do. It has also helped me stay focused in my vocation and in my personal life." -Kevin Bustamante

"Kevin is an excellent example of dedication and hard work." -TPJC Staff

Student Name: Daniel Morte (not available for photo)
Date Of Enrollment: 03/31/99 • Vocation: Seamanship

Daniel has volunteered more than 30 hours of his personal time for the following projects: the Spaghetti Feed to raise money for the Trolley, Chamber of Commerce landscaping, the Astoria Crab Festival, putting up Christmas decorations downtown, and giving blood at our blood drive. He is a consistent team player who volunteers freely to help others. He has achieved high phase on his last two performance evaluations. He displays a high level of motivation and initiative. He is respectful to his peers and his instructors, and is respected by them in return.

"Daniel models dependability and generosity toward others." -TPJCC Staff

Student Name: Jamie Snow
Date Of Enrollment: 09/14/99 • Vocation: Painting • Leadership Positions: Quiet-Hour Monitor

Jamie has volunteered a great deal of time to improve our Center and our community. Among her many volunteer efforts are numerous trips to Clatsop Community Action's food bank to prepare food boxes, landscaping in Astoria, and donating blood at our blood drive. She is working hard and is one of the most improved students on the Center. When Jamie started in her vocations, she had no self confidence, and was afraid of failing. Now, she is a good student who is very willing to learn new things and always looks for opportunities to help others. She has reached high performance phase and consistently strives to improve her performance.

"Job Corps opened my eyes to a whole new life and career change. The staff, especially, is always there to help and won't let you give up when you think you can't do it anymore. I thank the Lord every day that there is a program like this, because I don't know where I would be without it." -Jamie Snow

"With her willingness to learn and her dedication to helping others, Jamie is a good example of how we can all improve ourselves and the world around us." -TPJC Staff

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Students Of the Month- February 2001

Student Name: Abseta Yimam
Date Of Enrollment: 11-30-99
Vocation: Printing

Yimam is extremely focused, motivated and professional. She has a perfect personnel history and has been at Tongue Point for more than 440 days. In her vocation, she worked on the Youth Yellow Pages.

This student always volunteers to help in any way that she can. She cooked for the other students in her Residence during Ramadan and cleaned up afterwards. Not only does she help out, but she does it with a smile and great attitude.

"Yimam is a good role model for others and very deserving of this award." -TPJCC Vocational Staff

"Job Corps is a good program, and I'm proud to be part of it." -Abseta Yimam

Student Name: Emmanuel Burrell
Date Of Enrollment: 10-01-00
Leadership Accomplishments: Peer Intervention Panel

Emmanuel has held a leadership on the Peer Intervention Panel. He is always helpful in the dorm, is completely respectful and cooperative at all times. He is a fine young man, filled with hugs and smiles, who is very deserving of this award. He has won numerous monthly performance awards and has a perfect personnel history. He is known as an excellent, professional student employee. He has almost completed his vocation and is currently in HD95, preparing for college, in addition to his courses in academics. He is also a member of the TJPCC Men's Varsity Basketball team that recently won the Astoria City League's Division Championship for the second year in a row.

"Emmanuel sets goals and lets nothing stop him from reaching them." -TPJCC Counseling Staff

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Jennifer Greenblatt: Taking the scenic route before heading home

Everyday people

Getting to know your neighbors

She's used to being the youngest. Now Jennifer Greenblatt finds herself at the other end of the spectrum at Tongue Point Job Corps Center. She's 22, enrolled in the school's office technology program, and one of the older students of the school's population.

"It's kind of a role reversal," she says.

The youngest of three children (she has two older sisters) and a native Californian, she's also taken aback by the change in scenery.

She's from San Francisco and calls the Richmond district home. It's the place where she was born and raised. She knows all the district's little shops, has her favorite haunts and misses crowds.

"There's a high population of Asian-Americans, and I miss that," she says.

She's taken the long route to Astoria.

In summer 2000 she moved to Portland and, rather than going back to California, signed on with Job Corps.

The rain, the forests, the pace of the North Coast, it's all new to her. And she's adjusting, looking for some place in Astoria that, for a while, she could call hers. A coffee shop, maybe. They have plenty of those here, she says.

While she learns the city and finishes her coursework, she's looking south again. Southern California that is, with an eye for the entertainment industry.

During Tongue Point's Groundhog Job Shadow Day Feb. 1 she enjoyed a peek at the day-to-day operations of a daily newspaper (yes, this one) and a radio station (KMUN).

In one of the radio station's production rooms, she played a CD and put on a headset and heard what announcers often hear: music and their own voice. Hearing herself through the radio station's sound equipment jolted her back a decade ago when she and friend used to record their radio dramas.

"They were ... soap operas," she says.

Complete with credits at the beginning and end of the program, of course.

It's that little bit of creativity and a fascination with the entertainment industry that has her gravitating toward the movie industry.

That, and the realization that she is ready to go back home.

"Now, it's like, I don't want to travel any more."

— Darren Dunlap

Seaside Signal 2/1/01

Job Corps student gains work experience at Seaside Police Department

Duties include filing and tracking vouchers

By JERRY RUECKER
Seaside Signal staff

She's a pioneer of sorts — potentially paving the way for more Job Corps students to have a work-experience opportunity with the Seaside Police Department.

Amanda Shanklin, 17, a student at the Tongue Point Job Corps in Astoria, is currently involved in an eight-week training program at SPD where she tracks invoices and payables besides doing filing work for the department.

"I love what I'm doing here," Shanklin said of her vocational training program at SPD. "The Job Corps has a really good program — I like it. I've wanted to come and work here (SPD) for the longest time. Everyone here is really great."

Born and raised in Medford, Shanklin said she has been at Tongue Point for one year and seven months.

"I went into the Job Corps when I was 16," she said. "I wanted to straighten up my life and get a career. We have two years to complete a vocational and educational training program. You can stay a third year if you want to do college work."

Lynn Smith, communications manager at SPD, said the volunteer coordinator at Tongue Point had approached her about the police department participating in the Job Corps work-experience program.

"A background check (of Shanklin) by the Job Corps was provided to us, just because of the nature of what she would be doing," Smith said.

The majority of the work done by the student involves tracking vouchers and payables but, Smith said, "She doesn't write any checks. She doesn't have access to the network or sensitive materials." Shanklin uses a computerized accounting system and is able to provide the department with detailed information not otherwise available from city hall, Smith added.

"She's been very productive in getting her work done," Smith said of Shanklin's efforts.

Shanklin works Tuesday through Thursday at the department, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and usually finishing by 1 or 2 p.m. Her work-experience program at SPD continues until Feb. 22, when Shanklin said she goes back to other vocational work with the Job Corps.

"Another work-based learning thing I'd like to do, if they accept us, is to work at the high school," Shanklin said.

"She's been very productive in getting her work done."

– Lynn Smith Communications Manager

Her day is a long one during her work-experience program at SPD as she catches the Job Corps bus to Astoria around 8:30 a.m. before transferring to public transportation for the 45 to 50 minute ride to Seaside. "It's longer on the way back," she added. "It takes about one hour and forty-five minutes to get home."

Shanklin also has an uncle who lives in Seaside, even though the majority of her family resides in the Medford area. She said she works for him on some weekends, picking up spending money to supplement her Job Corps allowance.

"I get $45.50 every two weeks, but that's got to be used for things like make-up, soap and munchies," Shanklin said. "It teaches us to manage money while we learn a vocation and finish our education."

Shanklin receives no pay from the police department, Smith added.

More than 500 people between the ages of 16 and 24 are involved with the Job Corps at Tongue Point, Shanklin said. "We have rules to follow — no drugs, no alcohol and violence is not allowed." She resides in a dormitory-style setting where males and females are separated. Dining is also done in a community cafeteria setting.

Smith said the Job Corps has an interest in continuing the work-experience program with the department.

"When a student works out as well as Amanda has, I can give her a letter of recommendation that could help her in later employment," Smith said. "Yes, we'd do it (the program) again, but the same criteria would apply to another student."

Shanklin said that once her educational and vocational classes at the Job Corps are completed, she'd like to join the U.S. Navy and become involved in marine biology, or the U.S. Army and be a military police officer. "I really would like to use their scholarship fund programs."

Shanklin said her short time at SPD is going by quickly but she's really enjoying the experience. "I love her to death," Shanklin said of Smith. "She's cool and like a second mom."

"You have to be a problem solver and a hard worker here," Shanklin said of her job at the police department. "You also have to have a lot of self-discipline. Sometimes I get frustrated with myself, but I've learned a lot here already."

One thing Shanklin said she's learned recently at SPD was somewhat surprising. "I found it out today — cops really do eat doughnuts."

Seaside Signal photo by Jerry Ruecker

Amanda Shanklin works three days a week for the Seaside Police Department as part of her vocational training at the Tongue Point Job Corps.

Tongue Point Job Corps

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center Students Participate in Groundhog Job Shadow Day

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Forty-seven student employees from Tongue Point Job Corps Center took part in Groundhog Job Shadow Day, a February 2 event dedicated to providing more than one million young people across America with job shadowing experiences.

Job shadowing provides students with a first-hand look at how the skills learned in school are put into action in the workplace. Students are assigned to a workplace mentor whom they "shadow" throughout the person's typical workday. Job shadowing is a win-win proposition for communities that benefits students, schools, and businesses.

Heather Sharp, with animal shelter friend.

Linda Brim, owner of Brim's Farm & Garden Warehouse, with landscaping students, Brian Boehmer, and Joshua Pogue.

Students become more motivated to learn once they see the relevance of their class work, while schools build partnerships with businesses that can enhance the educational experience of all students. Local parents, educators, businesses, and community members are encouraged to participate in future Groundhog Job Shadow Day celebrations, thereby creating an even wider variety of career options for our youth to explore.

The staff and student employees at Tongue Point Job Corps Center extend a sincere thank you to Brim's Farm and Garden Warehouse, Clatsop Community College Maintenance Department, Clatsop County Animal Shelter, Lektro, Inc., Medix Ambulance, NRC Columbia, and Tongue Point Job Corps Center Maintenance Dept. for their participation in Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

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Tongue Point offers a big thank-you to DéJá Vu!

L-R: DéJá Vu manager Peggy Hutt with employee Sadie Kalista

DéJá Vu thrift store has been and continues to be a valuable community partner with Tongue Point. Last month, Peggy Hutt and the staff of DéJá Vu went out of their way to help two of our students. Over the holiday vacation, Tongue Point student Amber Lynch lost much of her clothing in a house fire. Another student, Krista Bridges, had most of her clothing stolen during her travels back to Job Corps. DéJá Vu outfitted both of the students at no charge, giving them enough clothing to get them started again. Thanks, DéJá Vu, we appreciate you!

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Announces Scholarship Winner

Adela Olvera

Tongue Point Job Corps Center is proud to announce Adela Olvera as this year's winner of the $5,000 Information Technology Scholarship. Adela entered Tongue Point in January 1998 with a dream to pursue a career in business. She completed the Business Occupations vocation and started college through the Job Corps Advanced Career Training Program. Ms. Olvera will graduate from Clatsop Community College this spring and plans to continue her education at Portland State University, with the assistance of the Information Technology Scholarship.

"I have learned that education is the key to success, and this scholarship will help me accomplish the dream and goal of becoming a Certified Public Accountant. This coming fall, I will be at Portland State University working on my bachelor's degree." **-Adela Olvera**

Tongue Point Job Corps

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Staff Members Of the Month- February, 2001

Marlene Burrell • Human Resources Assistant

Hired by MTC in October 1987, Marlene transferred to Tongue Point from Cascades Job Corps Center in May 2000. Super-organized and efficient, caring, and fun are only a few of the adjectives that describe her. Marlene continually suggests innovative ideas to improve her department's service. She is always willing to lend a helping hand, provide a listening ear, or find the answer to a question. Many staff members have been on the receiving end of her thoughtfulness and generosity. Her friendly demeanor makes visitors feel welcome and eases job applicants' pre-interview jitters. She is creative, hard working, has an outrageous sense of humor, and is dedicated to the Job Corps program. We applaud the many contributions she has already made to Tongue Point and are proud to recognize her as the February staff member of the month.

"I enjoy the diversity of the program, the staff, and the students at a Job Corps Center. This ever-changing environment makes it hard to get complacent." **-Marlene Burrell**

Kathy McDonald • Records Coordinator

Hired in October 1983, Kathy led the team that accomplished the extraordinary task of getting students home and back to the center safely during the holiday break. She coordinated the new student identification card system and assisted her team in moving all the students over to this new system before winter break. She is now heading up implementation of the new student pay program. In each of these endeavors, she has answered question after question with patience and professionalism. Her cheerful nature makes her a complete joy to work with. In recognition of her adaptability and excellent customer service provided to our student employees, we are proud to recognize her as staff member of the month.

"I learn something new every day working at Job Corps. I have enjoyed getting to know many interesting students and staff over the years." **-Kathy McDonald**

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Tongue Point Job Corps

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Students Of the Month- March 2001

Student Name: Ruth Grimaldo
Date Of Enrollment: 02-01-00
Vocation: Business & Clerical
Leadership Positions: Staff Aide, Mall Leader

Ruth is a model student employee. Her positive attitude and helpfulness make her a joy to be around. She is a hard worker and is always polite and respectful. She is a quiet leader who helps students and staff when any task needs to be done. She is reliable, responsible, and honest. Ruth has received high marks on every performance evaluation since her enrollment.

"Ruth is an exceptional student employee and strongly deserves this recognition." -TPJCC Vocational Staff

Student Name: Abdullahi Yusuf
Date Of Enrollment: 04-27-99
Vocation: Printing
Leadership Positions: Quiet-Hour Monitor, Staff Aide

Abdullahi has a wonderful sense of humor but is very serious about his educational opportunities. He is delightful to work with; just the kind of young man to set a good example for all of us. He has worked on several community projects in his vocation and displayed a professional, positive demeanor throughout these assignments. He is a nice, gracious, appreciative, and positive person. He is a positive influence Center-wide.

"Abdullahi is a person of high moral character and he will go far in life." -TPJCC Counseling Staff

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Tongue Point Job Corps
Students Of the Month- April 2001

COMMUNITY CORNER

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Vocation: Business & Clerical
Leadership Positions: Quiet-Hour Monitor

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Volunteers R Us

By DARREN L. DUNLAP
The Daily Astorian

Al and Verna Davis simply wanted to do some good for the community's seniors. Long-time residents and retirees of Astoria, they deliver hot meals to the elderly through the Meals on Wheels program.

Pat Craig always wanted to be a volunteer firefighter and, since retiring from the U.S. Coast Guard, he has the opportunity to do that through the Astoria Fire Department.

Beth Smith wanted to help in the fight against domestic violence and sexual assault locally. She answers the crisis line for Clatsop County's Women's Resource Center once a week.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. The Community Partnership Team Volunteer Programs and The Daily Astorian will feature local volunteers throughout the month. The Community Partnership Team is part of the Oregon Department of Human Services.

LEFT: Verna and Al Davis look over their delivery route in the kitchen of Peace Lutheran Church. The married couple are volunteers for Meals on Wheels and make an average of 35 stops a day.
BELOW: Verna Davis loads up coolers with hot meals Friday morning. Davis is assisted by Tongue Point Job Corps volunteers Tangela McCarty, left, and Kelly Brown. Standing behind Brown is Meals on Wheels Program Director Donna Albus.

ANDY CARPENEAN
The Daily Astorian

Al and Verna Davis

While Verna Davis reviews the morning's meal delivery list, her husband, Al, fetches coffee.

Their Friday mornings always begin this way with the Meals on Wheels program, one of two senior meal programs operating out of Peace Lutheran Church's kitchen.

Once the sweet and sour meatballs and steaming rice are ready, program director Donna Albus, Tongue Point Job Corps students Tangela McCarty and Kelly Brown and Verna Davis form an assembly line. They heap Styrofoam containers with hot food. The containers are placed into five large coolers, which Al Davis loads into his van.

Al, 85, and Verna, 81, have volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels for 10 years. The first few years, Al Davis remembers, the program needed only two drivers to cover the city each day.

"When I first started, I had eight to 10 to deliver," he said. "Last Friday I had 40. That's the most I've ever had."

Their age is not unusual for the program's volunteers.

"A lot of our volunteers are older than the people we serve," Albus said.

He and Verna average 35 to 40 deliveries a day on a 15-mile route, much of it winding through Astoria.

The nonprofit program, which rents space from Peace Lutheran Church, began 26 years ago. Meals on Wheels and its counterpart, Loaves and Fishes, survive on private donations. Thirty-five people donate the labor to make sure the food is prepared and delivered five days a week.

Getting volunteers is always a challenge. They need little training, only a willingness to help out, indicated Albus. Al and Verna Davis get meals to seniors, but they also provide one other valuable service. They take the time to visit.

"It's just as much for the socialization," said Albus. "That's part of why the program was started."

IN THE GARDEN

A garden of diversity

CATHY PETERSON — Coast Weekend
A courtyard window at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center frames a full-moon maple, Acer Japonicum *'Aconitifolium.'*

By CATHY PETERSON
Of Coast Weekend

Does one pretty plant make a garden beautiful?

Or is it the horticultural interplay of short and tall, small and large, showy and shy, sprawling and upright, fuzzy and thorny plants that creates a gorgeous garden?

That question might come to mind as you walk through the Diversity Garden that Craig Wisti and his students have created at Tongue Point Job Corps Center campus east of downtown Astoria has slowly and quietly become home to one of the most exciting gardens in our area. Wisti, the director of the center's landscaping program, and a succession of his students have carved a playful and innovative garden out of what otherwise would be a typical wooded hillside covered in foxgloves and coltsfoot and crisscrossed by deer paths.

The Diversity Garden is filled with what Wisti calls "little moments" - a special plant here, a pairing of two shrubs there. Wisti and his young crews have used plants to honor diversity not only in the garden, but in everyday life. We're all equal and we all matter, they say, and we're going to show you that by using all these different plants in an artful way.

That's heady stuff on which to base a garden plan, but one gets the sense that Wisti's students are no ordinary "plant three there and five here" kind of gardeners. The young adults who go through Wisti's landscape training program learn Latin names and lawn care, soil recipes and advanced propagation techniques. Oh to be 18 and know how to make a hardwood cutting or that Cornus controversa *'Variegata'* (the Giant dogwood) is one hot plant!

"The kids are into this," Wisti said of the Diversity Garden.

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Student faces rape allegation

A Tongue Point Job Corps stu[illegible] was arrested Sunday night on charges of rape and sex abuse in connection with an assault on a fellow student.

James Warren Ney II, 19, of [illegible] was taken into custody by Clatsop County Sheriff's Office personnel and charged with first-degree rape and first-degree sex abuse. Ney is alleged to have asked a 16-year-old female student into his room Sunday morning and attempted to rape her.

Ney was lodged in Clatsop County Jail. He was scheduled to be arraigned in Clatsop County Circuit Court 1 p.m. today.

4/18/01

Tongue Point Job Corps

COMMUNITY CORNER

Tongue Point Congratulates the Men's Basketball Team

Front row, left to right: [illegible]
Back row, left to right: [illegible]
Not pictured: [illegible]

The Tongue Point Job Corps Center men's basketball team won the second league title in the Astoria City League. They were 9-2, overall.

The team placed second at an all Job Corps Tournament at Timber Lake Job Corps Center location outside Estacada. Oregon. Five Job Corps teams participated in the tournament.

Tongue Point lost twice to Timber Lake, both times by 5 points. Although the team was disappointed they lost the championship, they were very proud that the team officials awarded the sportsmanship award to Tongue Point team member, Johnny Gregory.

Congratulations gentlemen!

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Garden: Students take pride in their surroundings

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"They know they are starting something that could continue beyond their time here."

On a recent rainy afternoon in the garden Wisti shared with me what makes these young gardeners happy. The carrots he holds before them are not what you might expect for a bunch of teenagers – he recently rewarded his students with an inspiring field trip to The Oregon Garden in Silverton.

Often his propagation students play with making houseplants, squirreling the green babies back to their dorm rooms. Wisti, who has taught at Tongue Point for more than two decades, lets them.

"You get to work with the whole student here," Wisti told me. "You get to impact the body, mind, heart and soul."

Wisti marks his time at Tongue Point not only by the hundreds of young lands apers that he has trained, but by the plants, shrubs and trees that fill the busy landscaping yard. A stunning coral bark maple (Acer palmatum *'Sango-kaku'*) he parked in a raised bed a dozen years ago has become a specimen tree.

There's no way to move it now, but that's OK because it works as a welcome sign into the greenhouse. He and his students have been training an Atlas cedar to wend its way over an arbor. Wisti estimates he made the first prunings on the stately plant 20 years ago.

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>
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> *director of the Job Corps Center's landscaping program*

His students take pride in their work, as evidenced by the neatly potted plants scattered throughout the work area, each labeled with its common and botanical names.

Part of Wisti's wisdom is to have his students perform public service landscape projects. So far, their impressive resume includes projects such as the formal rose garden at the Flavel House and part of the Oregon State University Seafood Consumer Center grounds.

Students have gained training experience at the Fort Clatsop National Memorial and the Astoria Golf & Country Club. Graduates have gone onto jobs in garden centers, with landscape maintenance companies and at golf courses.

In the future, the Diversity Garden will be open to the public regularly. A grassy area underneath the garden's footbridge will offer a fabulous picnic spot with views of the Columbia River and its shipping lane. Wisti and his students have mini-gardens in mind – a fernery, a rare and endangered species garden, a turf grass plot with whimsical topiaries, a succulent garden and a weed garden. In the weed garden, students will show what might be the first "intentional" weed landscape I've heard of, as well as show us what weeds to look for in our North Coast gardens.

The Diversity Garden is more than five years old now and already features, among other plantings, an herb garden, winter garden, Japanese Maple bed and an intricate knot garden based on an 18th Century design. Based on its beauty now, I think we're in for a treat.

Cathy Peterson belongs to the Clatsop County Master Gardener Association. "In the Garden" runs weekly in Coast Weekend. Please send comments and gardening news to "In the Garden," The Daily Astorian, 949 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103, or online to petersonc@pacifier.com.

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Students Of the Month- April 2001

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Students Of the Month- May 2001

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Student Name: Emily Free
Date Of Enrollment: 09/28/99
Vocation: Dental Assisting
Leadership Positions: Section Leader, Peer Tutor, Student Tutor Manager, Peer Intervention Panel Member

Emily is very dedicated and always willing to help, generously giving her time to other student employees. In the Dental Assisting vocation, she is currently completing mid-training and often sets aside her own work to assist the Center's dentist. She is highly respected and recognized, by both staff and students, as a peer leader and model student employee. Emily typifies the highest expectations and standards of the National Job Corps Program as well as the vision of Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

"We are proud and lucky to have Emily at our Center." -TPJCC Counseling Staff

Student Name: David Gosnell
Date Of Enrollment: 07/18/00
Vocation: Business & Clerical
Leadership Position: Peer Intervention Panel

David has never been involved in a single intervention or incident, and he has no unexcused absences. On the contrary, he has been the recipient of numerous awards reflecting his strong sense of integrity, coupled with unfailing politeness and concern for others. In the dorm, he regularly earns high room scores. In his vocation, he is always on time and dressed appropriately. He performs any task asked of him consistently, efficiently, and cheerfully. He is a good role model and a great student employee. Recently recognized for returning a lost wallet intact, his performance in all areas on Center is consistent with the highest expectations and standards of Tongue Point Job Corps Center

"David is a wonderful, polite, pleasant and positive person." -TPJCC Counseling Staff

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Tongue Point Job Corps celebrates Cinco de Mayo

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Many people think Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's independence. Most people do not realize that while the U.S. was engaged in civil war, the French were establishing [illegible] in Mexico with the intention of establishing an empire in the American continent.

After the Mexican American War (1846-1848) the Mexican government [illegible] President Benito Juarez suspended payments [illegible] [illegible] considered the best in the world. His intention was merely to give President Juarez more time to fortify the city.

The battle took place in the town of Puebla [illegible] Juarez declared May 5 a national holiday in honor of the Battle of Puebla.

Cinco de Mayo has been adopted by Latino communities in the United States as a day of joyous reaffirmation. Tongue Point Job Corps Center's Group Hispano planned the Center's Cinco de Mayo celebration, held on May 1st. Festivities included a traditional Mexican lunch prepared by student employees, several Mexican dances, special snacks, and a piñata. Thank you to the many staff and students who planned this celebration honoring Mexico's heritage!

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5/23/01

Congratulations to Tongue Point's May 2001 Graduation Class!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS!
It means the world to them.

Business and Clerical:
Philip Schnepp
Chauminh Le
Nicosia Florez
Stephanie DeLong
Stephen Tapia

Accounting:
Cynthia Reagan

Culinary
[illegible]

CNA:
[illegible]
Ryan Hoeckendorf

Dental Assisting
[illegible]
*Tesfaye Gebremariam
Zoya Kushniruk
Yuriy Kushniruk

Medical Assisting
Amber York
Chelsea Keena
Matthew Magathan
*Veronica Chiarappa

Electrical:
Abbas Hadid
Stephen Tapia

Facilities
Maintenance
Christopher [illegible]

Cement Masonry:
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Welding:
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National Response Corporation (NRC) Recognizes Tongue Point's Seamanship Students

April 4, 2001

Tongue Point Job Corp Center

Dear Sir or Madam

We would like to thank Tongue Point Job Corp Center for the extraordinary and outstanding service they provided during late February and all of March 2001. During this time, an incident in California required specially trained personnel. Due to our "Partnership in Training" with TPJCC we were able to respond to this emergency incident and transport and deploy these trained individuals within an extremely short period of time.

In the past five plus years we have trained Students for emergency response and have participated in a number of incidents, including the M/V Mohican, M/V Kure, M/V Stuyvesant, and "New Carrisa" oil spill. We look forward to a continued working Partnership in Training with Students and the Tongue Point Job Corp Center.

In addition, we would like to give a special "Thanks" to staff members for their cooperation. They include: Instructors Captain Jack Newbold, Captain Pat Albers, Chief Engineer Bob Havner, Chief Engineer Laird Adkins, Student Councilor Woody Felix, Group Life staff Amanda Reynolds and Sharon Wolf, and everyone else who came to our assistance.

National Response Corporation greatly appreciates the following current students efforts during this response: Daniel Morte, Jacob Lumking, Derek Zirkle, Andy Warfield, Jerimiah Rozell, Charles Moore, Arlester Pettaway, Ed Paris, Austin Pahia, Leslie Norvell, Siwatu McLaurin, Timothy Leamon, Mathew Helvey, Vance Hawn, Daniel Gruver, Leander Green, Marcus Edwards, John Dove, Walt Christensen, Emory Carrick, Abel Caldwell, Troy Alexander, Lisa Close, Jon Gregory, Laukane Tangaro, Antonio Mullen, from the Seamanship vocation. Shallan Byrd from Masonry & Plastering. Tabitha Clay, Daniel Bowers and Matthew Mann from Business & Clerical.

Job well done!

Sincerely,

National Response Corporation / Astoria OR., Seattle WA., & Eureka CA.
Oil Spill Response Vessel "NRC Columbia"
Captain Tim Pugh, Vessel Manager
Captain Jim Lewis, Asst. Vessel Manager

Timothy J Pugh

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Staff Members Of the Month • April, 2001

Sue Patin • Safety Assistant

Hired February 17, 1992, this employee's consistent high level of performance is a tremendous asset to the Center. She is well organized, scheduling and conducting a multitude of safety inspections throughout the Center on a weekly or monthly basis. She takes rapid action to correct any discrepancies she finds by working closely with staff members and by writing and following up on work requests. She assists our staff by bringing to their attention general maintenance problems that are not currently safety-related, but which could result in a safety concern, often writing work requests for the staff member. She willingly volunteers for training opportunities on and off Center, adding to her professional knowledge, thereby increasing her value to us all. The safety of both our students and our staff are her first concern. It is with pride and a great deal of respect that we recognize all of Sue Patin's efforts on our behalf.

"The staff and students are all very nurturing. They have enhanced my life." **-Sue Patin**

Dennis Dau • Custodian

Hired February 7, 2000, this employee has been at Tongue Point for only a little over a year, and in that time, has really improved the appearance of almost every area on Center. The quality of his work is exceptional; he is extremely hard working and well respected by his peers. He has a great attitude and is willing to do whatever he is asked to do. During challenging times when the department has been short handed, he continues to maintain an upbeat, can-do attitude, and is always willing to drop what he is doing to assist others; he has taken on extra duties and responsibilities without hesitation. We appreciate the great job he does keeping the floors on the campus looking great. We are very pleased to recognize Dennis Dau as the April staff member of the month.

"The reason I like working at Job Corps is because the staff members and students make you feel important and appreciate the things that you do. It's great everyone works as a team, no matter what the situation. Also, I enjoy seeing students learning a vocational trade for their future." **-Dennis Dau**

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Tongue Point Job Corps Congratulates JACS Scholarship Winners

6/13/01

L to R: Selamawit Tesfamariam and Linda Davidson

With more than 6,000 volunteers nationwide, the mission of Joint Action in Community Service, Inc. (JACS) is to help at-risk young men and women take what they've learned in Job Corps and become self-reliant adults. Every year, JACS offers ten $1,000 scholarships to assist Job Corps graduates in achieving [illegible] goals they would otherwise be unable to attain. Graduates from over 120 Job Corps centers throughout the nation compete for the scholarships.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center and its Advanced Career Training (ACT) Program proudly introduce two exceptional students, Selamawit Tesfamariam and Linda Davidson, who are among this year's JACS scholarship winners.

Selam entered Tongue Point Job Corps about [illegible] years ago, shortly after emigrating to the United States from Ethiopia. She studied Business Occupations and began attending Clatsop Community College Winter 2000, with the long-term goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.

Linda began her Tongue Point career as a Certified Nursing Assistant student and is now finishing her first year at Clatsop Community College. After completing her associate's degree next year, she plans to transfer to Washington State University to pursue a teaching degree.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center and its ACT program are pleased to have opened the door to success to help these, and all our students create bright, hopeful futures.

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Staff Members Of the Month • May, 2001

6/6/01

Joanna Harlan, Senior Instructor

This outstanding staff member was already a Job Corps veteran of eight years when she joined the Tongue Point team in August of 1997. She has served our Center as a teacher, as supervisor, and as a manager. This staff member's most recent and noteworthy contribution, however, has been in her development and implementation of the Workplace Readiness I Program, where, in concert with her excellent and hardworking staff, she has revolutionized the experience students have undergone prior to their arrival in the academic and vocational classrooms. Through individual attention and structured group work, our new students are now readied to learn in our program, not only with an authentic vision of what they hope to accomplish, but with a clear idea of what we expect of them, as well. Consequently, they are better motivated, better behaved, and ultimately more employable. It is difficult to overstate the importance of making a good start, and this staff [illegible] help our students put their best foot forward. Therefore, it is with much pride and appreciation that we recognize Joanna Harlan as Tongue Point's May 2001 Staff Member of the Month.

Jorgen Madsen, Vehicle Operator

This outstanding staff member has been with Management & Training Corporation at Tongue Point Job Corps Center since 1989. His name is well known by our student population. You can see him nightly coming and going like clockwork delivering students/employees to their various locations. He shows that he truly knows the meaning of "customer service." He can be counted on to perform his duties with a great sense of humor but he sees no humor in a dirty bus – his assigned vehicles are always clean and shining. Safety and welfare of his passengers are his number one priorities. He will [illegible] way to drop passengers at their doorstep late at night. Additionally, he is very involved with the Intergroup Relations Program, particularly in the Scandinavian festival held on Center every year. This is a quality employee and we are proud to recognize Jorgen Madsen as Tongue Point's May 2001 Staff Member of the Month. Congratulations and takk for alt.

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Students Of the Month- June 2001

6/13/01

Student Name: Delmer (Bobby) Fry
Date Of Enrollment: 08/29/00
Vocation: Accounting
Leadership Positions: Hall Leader, Recreation Staff Assistant

Bobby is a kind and caring young man. He is quiet, courteous, polite and always helpful with both staff and his peers. Bobby is conscious of the example he sets for others at all times. He is the first to arrive for meetings and one of the last to leave, making sure the meeting place is left clean, organized, and prepared for the next group to use. He takes his leadership roles seriously and true to expectations, he sees that the job is well done and is quick to give credit to others for their work.

"Bobby has always performed at his maximum potential and has demonstrated very high integrity." -TPJCC Vocational Counseling Staff

Student Name: Elfinesh Sima
Date Of Enrollment: 10/26/99
Vocation: Dental Assisting
Leadership Position: Quiet Hour Monitor

In over 599 days on Center, Elfinesh has maintained a perfect personnel history. She is a quiet and respected leader among her peers. She is polite to all and has a warm, infectious smile. She sets the standard for a positive role model and is always very willing to help others. She consistently maintains a high evaluation. She exemplifies excellent employability and social skills. She is patient, kind, and a very good listener. Elfinesh is dedicated to learning and always makes her studies a priority. She is a wonderful person!

"Elfinesh is always a pleasure to work with." -TPJCC Residential Staff

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Seaside hospital celebrates 20 years with Providence

By KRISTY HESSMAN
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Happy anniversary balloons hung in the air Friday as employees and members of the community came together at Providence Seaside Hospital to celebrate.

"It was 20 years ago that Seaside General Hospital opened its doors as a Sisters of Providence Health institution," said William Sexton, chief executive officer of Providence North Coast Service Area.

The hospital had been around for 36 years, but because of economic pressures which arose in the 1980s, the Union Health District Board began to seek out financial assistance.

It came in the form of Providence.

The Providence Health System is a nonprofit organization which includes hospitals, health plans, clinics, physicians, long term care facilities, low-income housing, assisted living, home care and hospice, advanced medical research and education, and community outreach programs.

The organization carries on the mission begun in the West by the Sisters of Providence in the 1850s.

As part of the celebration, hospital staff members shared letters they had written describing the changes that had taken place within the last 20 years.

"The best single word to describe what happened when the Sisters of Providence took over the management of Seaside General Hospital is [illegible]," said Linda Cox, a regis[illegible]

Cox said that there has been an increase in doctors who have come to work in Seaside, more reliable equipment and better cafeteria food.

Wes McCarley, a medical technician, also expressed his gratitude for the organization.

"The long-term commitment made by the Sisters has given us a rock around which the community has gathered. It has given us a rock on which to build," McCarley said.

The employee celebration featured a presentation by Joan Pinkerton-Tucker, a journalist and author from Cashmere, Wash.

Dressed in an authentic nun attire from the 1800s, she told a first-person account of Mother Joseph, the woman who came to the Northwest in 1856 established, designed and built Providence institutions of education and health care all over the Northwest.

This was the 300th time Pinkerton-Tucker had recited the monologue she wrote herself almost 13 years ago.

"It is the most rewarding experience of my life, being able to share her story," Pinkerton-Tucker said.

She also goes into schools and tells children about Mother Joseph, who does not appear in Washington textbooks.

Coinciding with the celebration, the hospital received an award from the Tongue Point Job Corps Center for efforts with the job corps' work-based learning program.

"We have students working at the hospital in nursing, facility maintenance and food service," Sexton said. "Working together with them benefits them but it also benefits us."

The job corps only gives out one award to one site each year.

Tongue Point Job Corps

COMMUNITY CORNER

Students Participate in Banking Seminar

7/25/01

Janie MacDonald Distrude, Branch Service Officer, and Brenda Hunt, Operations Supervisor, from Western Bank in Astoria, were welcomed at Tongue Point Job Corps Center to present two sessions of a special seminar to students on banking services. Students were given detailed information about different kinds of accounts, reading bank statements, reconciling checking accounts, how to fill out deposit slips, the importance of saving, and the expense and impact of overdrafts. Credit cards, credit reports, and the exponential growth of interest and late charges were of particular interest to students.

Students were also ready with questions about employment in the banking industry. They learned from Brenda that good customer service and a pleasant, positive attitude are two of the most important skills needed for a career in banking. Aptitude for learning is also important.

Thank you Janie, Brenda, and Western Bank for providing students with the information necessary for successful financial management and potential banking careers.

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Staff Members Of the Month • June, 2001

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Pam Brown, Cook

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Tongue Point Job Corps Recognizes Staff Excellence

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center held its annual Celebrating Excellence awards assembly on June 20, 2001. The Celebrating Excellence program gives employees an opportunity to recognize co-workers who have consistently gone above and beyond what was expected of them on the job. Award winners have demonstrated outstanding performance and achievement in working with both students and staff. It is a true honr to receive this recognition from one's peers. We are pleased and proud to recognize the winners of Tongue Point's Celebrating Excellence awards for the year 2000.

Administrative/Support Services Staff Member of the Year
Marlene Burrell
Human Resource Assistant

Group Life Staff Member of the Year
Sherrie Scott
Recreation Advisor

Staff Member of the Year
Jim Murray
Maintenance Worker

Manager of the Year
Jean Matheson
Food Services Manager

Supervisor of the Year
Pam Jenkins
Residential Living Supervisor

Team of the Year
Ellen Colberg, Asst. Buyer
(not pictured);
and Becky Dean, Buyer
Purchasing

[illegible]
Carol Lindsey
Reading/ESL Instructor

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Joyce Capehart
Electrician Instructor

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Staff Members Of the Month • August, 2001

Norma Verley, Student Personnel Specialist

Norma started working at Tongue Point in May of 2000 as the Student Personnel Secretary. She quickly learned the Job Corps system and began making an impact every day. In December 2000, she was promoted to Student Personnel Specialist. Norma has been consistently helpful in upholding a high standard of student conduct while maintaining professional standards for herself. She interacts with both students and staff in a professional, respectful manner. She has been instrumental in the development and integration of the new student behavior management system. Her ideas and experience have been invaluable to the student personnel department and the center as a whole. Her cheerful demeanor, ability to support new ideas, and positive approach to each day, make her a pleasure to work with. We are proud to recognize her as the August 2001 Staff Member of the Month.

"I love working for a company that strives to provide a safe place for students (and staff) to make changes and reach goals. Job Corps is about offering opportunities for improving oneself, and I'm thrilled that I get to be a part of it." —Norma Verley

Charles Hodges, Vocational Instructor, Cement Masonry

This staff member has worked at Tongue Point since September of 1991. He is often described as the strong, silent type, but his actions speak very loudly. He can be seen actively mentoring students at the old firehouse, by the administration building, in the community, or in the middle of a "symphony of white," with everyone working in unison. There are so many student's lives he has impacted. A recent example involved a student who was so down on himself so filled with self-loathing he had given up completely. The student transferred into the cement masonry vocation, and with Charlie rebuilding his confidence, reaffirming he was worthwhile and could learn and retain information, the student has had many successes. It is hard to recognize him as the same individual who was ready to give up. Charlie is the epitome of a team player. He is always part of the solution. He is a steady and constant contributor. It is with a great deal of pride and the utmost respect that we recognize him as the August 2001 Staff Member of the Month.

"I like working at Job Corps because there are always interesting projects to work on with my students, and I enjoy helping them become productive citizens." —Charles Hodges

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Recognizes MTC Scholar of the Year

Heidi Bratton

Heidi Bratton is an excellent Tongue Point Job Corps Center student and role model. She performs at a consistently high level, always meeting or exceeding expectations. She has served on the Student Employee Advisory Council with outstanding performance and attendance. She is conscientious, dependable, punctual, and always professional.

Heidi came to Tongue Point as a high school graduate. She completed the first level in the welding vocation in two months and then proceeded to the medical assisting vocation. She completed that program in approximately 12 months and found interests in human service and criminal justice. Heidi entered the Job Corps Advanced Career Training (ACT) Program in the fall of 2000, starting a two-year criminal justice degree. She has been studying under the local police chief and district attorney, as well as the Clatsop Community College instructors.

An outstanding student, Heidi has been invited to join Phi Theta Kappa, the National Honor Society for Community and Junior Colleges. It is with great enthusiasm and pride Tongue Point Job Corps Center recognizes Heidi Bratton as the 2000 MTC Scholar of the Year.

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COAST INDEX

Learning a trade and benefiting society

On a 64-acre site three miles east of Astoria, the Tongue Point Job Corps Center inhabits a former naval base that outfitted aircraft carriers built in the Portland-Vancouver area during World War II. Since 1965, the center has been home to thousands of young people seeking educational, vocational and social skills training. Management & Training Corporation has operated the center since 1990.

Job Corps, with 118 centers in 46 states, is the nation's largest residential and educational training program for economically challenged youth. A study conducted by Mathematica Policy Research Inc. found that the benefits to society exceed the costs of the program by nearly $17,000 per participant.

Number of students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center:	More than 150
Number of staff members:	
Vocational programs:	**Accounting clerk, printing, facilities management, business occupations, carpentry, cement masonry, culinary arts, deckhand, dental assistant, electrician, welding, glazing, landscape gardener, health occupations, painting, plastering, medical assistant and nurse's aide**
Requirement for enrollment	**Ages 16 to 24, U.S. resident, out of school, from a low-income family, without a history of serious behavioral problems**
Earnings while enrolled	**Room and board, transportation and clothing, basic health and medical services, living allowance, possible bonus pay**
Net cost to U.S. government per participant:	**$3,200**
Job Corps students who are high school dropouts, nationwide:	**79 percent**
Average reading level of students at entry, nationwide:	**Seventh grade**
Students entering employment, military or further education after leaving Job Corps, nationwide:	**80 percent**

Sources: Judy Wheatley and Nancy Pyburn, Tongue Point Job Corps Center

Ships may return to Tongue Point

By BEN GILBERT
The Daily Astorian

Down behind Tongue Point, across the railroad tracks and north of the Job Corps Center, maritime businesspeople are feeling giddy.

In a throwback to the site's U.S. Navy roots, North Tongue Point may soon harbor two military transport ships for a five-year berthing, if a bid for the contract this fall proves successful.

Washington North Tongue Point, a subsidiary of the Washington Group and Cresmont Services, says its bid to make a home for two Ready Reserve Force vessels, the Cape Island and the Cape Intrepid, from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration, will be a competitive one. The bid is due August 29, and the contract will be awarded in late October or early November.

The 684-foot long, 102-foot wide water taxis for tanks, guns, ammo and equipment are moored in a Tacoma (Wash.) shipyard that will compete to keep them, but Business Development Director Bill Kelley doesn't think there will be too many competitors.

"It's consistent with our master development plan. We've always wanted to pursue a berthing," said Kelley, who had been watching Web sites to see when the two tankers would open for rebid.

The vessels deploy about twice a year, and are otherwise on standby for when the Navy needs to move equipment around the world.

The 1,500-foot Pier 5 can handle four to six of these ships, and Kelley has his eye on two more RRF vessels, the Green Mountain State and the Beaver State, that may be squeezed out of their berthing in Bremerton, Wash., by another group of ships scheduled to moor there.

If Washington wins the contract, and the income, from the Cape Island and the Cape Intrepid, Kelley was optimistic that power and water improvements and dredging at Pier 5 would make it an attractive site for a few more RRF vessels. The company plans to line the ships up side by side next to that pier, making one full pier for MARAD services and the remaining four piers for seafood processing and other tenants.

Kelley said that a private facility has the advantage that it can provide security that a public port could not, and being a former Department of Defense site makes it especially attractive. The ships should provide 15-20 union scale jobs for the area, he added. Washington North Tongue Point employs five people locally, while its tenants provide about 20 full-time and 20 part-time jobs.

"It's a big deal to whoever gets the business," said Port of Astoria Executive Director Peter Gearin. "(MARAD vessels) are worth a lot of income."

Gearin said the port had looked into a similar venture, but its facilities aren't big enough. New fish processing tenants on Pier 2 leave Pier 1 as the only available space, but cruise ships that visit that pier would be blocked.

Washington North Tongue Point has been quietly developing the docks since buying the facility in October, and really ramped up in May when word of another big sardine year came through.

Using local contractors, the infrastructure at Pier 4 was modernized, and an icehouse was shipped to the facility from Vancouver, British Columbia, and rebuilt, now churning 60 tons of flaked ice for fish processing every day. Ted Piersma, the facility's project engineer, estimated that 40 to 50 tons of sardines are processed on Pier 4 daily.

The company has also been working with Sause Marine Services, a transport contractor, to ship six million pounds of school construction supplies to Alaska for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and hopes to win the bid to bring a new U.S. Coast Guard buoy tender when the cutter Cowslip retires.

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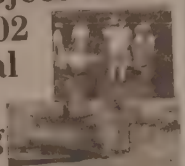
Now Accepting Project Ideas for our 2002 Vocational Skills Training Plan



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Welcomes New Health Services Manager

LaDonna Olson, R.N.

Born in South Dakota, Tongue Point Job Corps Center's new health services manager LaDonna Olson, R.N., has lived in Astoria since she was two years old. LaDonna comes to Tongue Point from PeaceHealth Medical Group Astoria, where she worked for the past seven years building her skill level. As their nursing supervisor for six years, she continued her professional growth working with a variety of different clinicians. LaDonna is also the coordinator for the Clatsop County Medical Society.

LaDonna and her husband, Greg, have three children, Britney, age 10, and twins Cole and Mallerie, age 3. They enjoy spending a lot of time outdoors doing family functions, particularly camping, hunting in Eastern Oregon, and swimming their dog, Buck.

"I've enjoyed my short time at Tongue Point Job Corps Center working with my coworkers and interacting with the students. I hope to have a long and rewarding career here."

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9/5/01

Students Attend National Leadership Conference

L-R: Emmanuel Burrell, Congressman David Wu, Amberly Baker

Emmanuel Burrell and Amberly Baker recently represented Tongue Point Job Corps Center at the annual MTC Student Leadership Training conference in Washington, D.C. Eleven Tongue Point students wrote essays and interviewed for the privilege of being selected to attend the conference. Staff member Sherrie Scott, Student Activities Coordinator, accompanied Emmanuel and Amberly to the conference.

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Amberly and Emmanuel met Richard Trigg, the National Director of Job Crops, and visited with Congressman David Wu and Senator Ron Wyden. They also toured the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, Freedom Park, and the White House.

The two Tongue Point students will coordinate a Leadership Summit for Job Corps students to be held in October, where they will share the strategies they learned. Amberly is a student in the Job Corp Advanced Career Training Program and attends Clatsop Community College. Emmanuel has just been accepted as a transfer student at the Springdale Job Corps in Troutdale, Oregon, where he will attend Mt. Hood Community College.

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9/12/01

Staff Member Receives MTC Company-Wide Award

Marlene Burrell

As the nation's most successful jobs training program, Job Corps owes much to its dedicated staff members. Management & Training Corporation (MTC) acknowledged this connection by creating the "Celebrating Excellence" program. The awards program gives employees an opportunity to recognize coworkers who have made a positive difference and consistently go above and beyond. Celebrating Excellence winners from each of MTC's 24 Job Corps Centers receive consideration for a corporate-wide award. Tongue Point Job Corps Center is very pleased and proud to announce our Human Resources Assistant, Marlene Burrell, was selected for the MTC, corporate-wide Administrative/Support Services Staff Member of the Year award.

Marlene's nomination from her coworkers: "This staff member brings much humor, energy, and creativity to her work. She is friendly, caring, and sensitive, and the level of customer service she provides employees and students is exceptional. Employees describe her as one of the warmest and most helpful people they have ever met. She is always willing to lend a helping hand, provide a listening ear, or find the answer to a question. She assists staff in any way she can, and their problem is her highest priority. Many employees have been on the receiving end of her thoughtfulness and generosity. She has the perfect personality for being one of the first people an employee meets when coming to Tongue Point. Her friendly demeanor consistently makes visitors and job applicants feel welcome. She has transformed all-staff meetings into a fun event. She is a real jewel in the Tongue Point crown."

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Run Around the Point

Runners and walkers of all ages and levels of competitiveness can participate for free in the 26th annual Run Around the Point Sept. 22 at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

The 3½ mile race starts at 11 a.m., with registration opening one hour earlier. There will be eight age divisions for men and women in the running competition and each division winner will receive a T-shirt.

All running and walking participants receive certificates. Both competitive and non-competitive participation is invited, according to Center Director Nancy Pyburn.

The course covers varied terrain through the Tongue Point Job Corps campus, three miles east of Astoria on U.S. Highway 30, and along the Columbia River. Appropriate running or walking shoes are recommended. For information, call Tongue Point's Recreation Department at 325-2131, ext. 242.

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9/19/01

Congratulates New Student Government Members

The Student Government Association provides Job Corps students with opportunities to learn and practice self government, good citizenship, and positive leadership skills. Its members serve as ambassadors for the Center in the community and as role models for other students to turn to for assistance in resolving problems such as homesickness, peer relations, and "who to go to for what."

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent the student body of Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Executive Council

Donnie Wilson	President	Amberly Baker	Treasurer
Joy Armstrong	Ass't President	Aaron Garrison	Ass't Treasurer
Cathy Wells	Vice President	Carramia Sellers	Sgt. At Arms
Mary Quintero	Ass't Vice President	Augustin Flores	Ass't Sgt At Arms
Juanita Marquez	Secretary	Patrice Harris	Parliamentarian
Emily Free	Ass't Secretary	David Amotal	Ass't Parliamentarian

Dorm Council

Residence One		Residence Two	
Juanita Stewart	President	Marcus Taylor	President
Tammara Moore	Vice President	Fabiola Carreros	Vice President
Irma Felix	Secretary	Sarah Heckey	Secretary
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Timmy Horn	Sgt At Arms	Josh Davis	Sgt At Arms
Pete Jackson	Ass't Sgt At Arms		

Residence Three		Residence Four	
Brooks Mason	President	Tiffani Martin	President
Jamie Perez	Vice President	Ashley Garner	Vice President
Vacant	Secretary	Cassand Mathas	Secretary
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		Dan Wakley	Ass't Sgt At Arms

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Now the good news

9/28/01

I had the honor to have been a volunteer at this year's VOCA (Victory Over Child Abuse) camp. Yes, I am very tired. Yes, things went untended in my own household over the weekend. Yes, it was emotionally exhausting. However, more than anything, VOCA camp was a breath of fresh air, a big dose of hope in

The good side

I have just returned home from the most incredible week-end and I would like to share my experience with everyone who will listen.

The last two weekends I was blessed to have the opportunity to be a staff member at VOCA camp (if you don't know what VOCA camp is, call the Healing Circle at 325-2761 and I'm sure that they will be glad to tell you). I volunteered to do this, hoping I could possibly make a difference in someone's life. But what I didn't know was that these children and the VOCA program would make a huge difference in my life!

I spent the last three days in a cabin with three very wonderful teen-agers (as well as great adults) and I wish that anyone who is critical of today's teens could have shared what I experienced. These girls were caring, respectful, trustworthy and just generally wonderful. They never gave us an attitude, they were mannerly, they often cleared our dishes from the table at mealtimes and they were fun! These teen-agers truly touched my heart.

I also wish that the community could have seen the wonderful contribution that the students from Tongue Point made to the VOCA camp staff. These terrific young adults are an asset to our community and we are privileged to have them here.

One staff member stated that she entered camp with an empty heart because of the national tragedy and because of personal concerns, but she left camp with a full heart. I couldn't agree more.

FRAN SUHLI-SKI
Astoria

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On the record

10/22/01

Rape reported

A Vancouver, Wash., man contacted Astoria Police Friday about a possible sexual assault involving his teen-age daughter and another young girl three weeks earlier. According to the man, the two girls, aged 16 and 17 and both students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, met two young men described as transients near the Fisherman's Memorial on the Astoria waterfront.

The two said they began feeling strange after taking drinks from a soft drink bottle offered by one of the men, and woke up some time later at a park on Alameda Avenue near the Astoria Bridge on-ramp.

Both girls had pregnancy tests, and one came back positive, the man reported. He said he had already spoken with Tongue Point personnel about the incident, but said his daughter did not want to speak with police

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Mike Denny, Property Clerk

Employed at Tongue Point since 1987, Mike has been invaluable as a teacher for his new supervisor. He is usually patient and has helped raise the level of customer service in his department to its highest level yet. He is highly organized, is a wonderful resource, and is always willing to go the extra mile for anybody. He has great people skills and gets along with everyone. He works with every department on center and is known for his smile and wonderful sense of humor. During the past year, he took on the challenge of learning the electronic property management system and completing most of the data entry, as well as rising to the occasion of dealing with the Center's non-expendable property. It is with great pleasure that we recognize Mike Denny as September's Staff Member of the Month.

"I believe that Job Corps helps build a stronger community, not only by teaching students job skills, but also by teaching them how to get along in a diverse society." —**Mike Denny**

Heriberta "Berta" Goicochea, Residential Advisor

A student asks, "Why do we have to do this?" "Why can't we do that?" And then you hear this staff member's quiet voice of reason. She is calm, respectful, and logical. She always gives more than just one example in her explanations. You never hear her say, "Because those are the rules!" If you are a member of her team, she is there to support you. She is helpful, creative, and always willing to see the job done. Her laugh is warm and contagious. Have you received a notice to appear at the Peer Intervention Panel? Then you know how much she cares for the success of our students. Her panelists reflect her integrity and composure. Berta has played an integral role in Residence Three since January of 1999. We are very fortunate to work with her, and it is with a great deal of pride and the utmost respect that we recognize her as the September 2001 Staff Member of the Month.

"I love the interaction with the students and the opportunity I have to be part of a team whose goal is to develop productive and successful individuals." —**Heriberta "Berta" Goicochea**

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center

Welcomes New Business & Community Liaison

Naomi Ulsted

Tongue Point Job Corps Center is pleased to welcome its new Business & Community Liaison, Naomi Ulsted.

Naomi comes to Tongue Point from The Oregon Zoo, where she spent the past year building her marketing skills. Naomi holds bachelor's degrees in English and philosophy from Linfield College, and a master's degree in English from Portland State University. Her past positions include Events Coordinator for a children's music publishing company and Literary Arts Coordinator for Portland State University. As much as Naomi loves monkeys, she is excited to be working in Astoria and won't miss the three hours of driving to the zoo per day. She is looking forward to becoming an active member of the community and is happy to be a part of Job Corps and the important work it is doing with America's youth. Naomi is also the Managing Director of the River Theater and looks forward to great music, insightful drama, and gut-busting comedy. In her four minutes of spare time each week, she enjoys writing plays, singing for anyone who will listen, and creating balloon animals. Naomi and her partner, Heath, live in Astoria.

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Card of Thanks

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Community Contributors

"The Healing Circle extends warmest thanks to all our community contributors to VOCA Camps. VOCA Camps are a success because of community partnerships. This year marks another successful camp year. Together we do make a difference."

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The Healing Circle & Tongue Point Job Corps Center

Celebrate a Working Partnership

Photo left to right, back row
Derek Hallman, Doug Harrod, Norma ...
Pete Bustos, Ericka Sandvold, Jennifer Berg
Lori Lane, Ashley Garner, Magdalena Montes
front row ...
Not pictured ...

Twenty-one students and staff from Tongue Point Job Corps Center recently completed a thirty-hour Clatsop Community College training course so they could volunteer at Victory Over Child Abuse (VOCA) camps. The training covered intense issues such as developmental stages, critical thinking, the misuse of power in society and relationships, communication choices, and the links that exist between all forms of violence.

A large crew of students volunteered to be the official VOCA camp "schlep" squad which required packing up and transporting all of the camp gear and supplies, no small feat, indeed. This task was performed beautifully and in record time (in true Job Corps fashion) which allowed camp to begin smoothly. In addition to camp set up, Tongue Point's volunteers will fill all the positions at camp, joining many other volunteers from the community. Volunteers can be part of VOCA camp in numerous ways including working in the kitchen, life guarding, sports and activities, arts and crafts, transportation, camp set up, and being an adult buddy. Each camper is assigned an adult buddy who can give that child specialized attention. VOCA camp offers Tongue Point staff and students the opportunity to work together in a different capacity, as co-volunteers in a caring, healing environment. The positive experience is carried back to the Center and all are enriched by it.

Thanks for your Community Service to VOCA Camps!

Together we do make a difference for kids!

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Tongue Point Job Corps presents Gimre Awards

Tongue Point Job Corps Center hosted its annual Gimre Awards, which recognize some of its contributors. Honorees were provided with a lunch Wednesday cooked and served by culinary arts students.

As student employees served and provided table service, the following individuals and businesses were lauded for their efforts and contributions.

Fred White, who handles all the GED testing and assessment testing for Clatsop Community College, was praised for his gentle, soft-spoken, pleasant and professional demeanor. Testing for students can be a frustrating challenge, but White has consistently been able to make the students feel comfortable, organizers said.

Several departments of Columbia Memorial Hospital were recognized for their dedication to provide a comprehensive work experience for students, including the emergency room, medical surgical, respiratory therapy, obstetrics, radiology, laboratory and the medical records department. Laurie Meisner, who works in the emergency room of CMH, has worked with more than 340 Tongue Point students.

Dr. Duane Jue and his staff were recognized for training and mentoring Tongue Point's dental assistant students, many of whom are from overseas and are learning the technical language of dental assisting and English simultaneously. Jue and his staff provide patient, consistent and dedicated instruction, organizers said.

John Kurns, Clatsop County building and grounds supervisor, was praised for his dedication. A role model for students, Kurns is trustworthy, loyal and motivated, organizers said.

Tongue Point recognized Greyhound Bus Lines for providing excellent discount travel services for our students, who have limited funds to spend traveling home to visit their families. Greyhound has partnered with Tongue Point to set up an in-house ticket agency to make travel more convenient for students.

The Clatsop Community College Maintenance Department was also honored. According to Craig Wish, landscape instructor at Tongue Point, "From top to bottom, they take an interest, coach and supervise the student employees. They really want them to succeed and they take an active role in developing these people."

Accepting the award was the head of the department, Greg Dorchess, and Tongue Point graduate, Ansil Rainey, a supervisor of Tongue Point students at Clatsop Community College.

The Gimre Awards were established three years ago in honor of long-time Tongue Point Community Relations Council member, Kermit Gimre, who exemplified community service.

News In Brief

Taranoff to head OAAE

Tongue Point academic GED instructor Nan Taranoff has been elected president-elect of the Oregon Association for Alternatives in Education.

Taranoff has been involved with OAAE since 1990. She chaired the OAAE's 2001 annual conference in Bend for her second consecutive year. She'll take over as president of the OAAE in 2002.

A Tongue Point employee since 1983, Taranoff is also involved in Management and Training Corporation's National GED 2002 Workgroup and will be presenting "GED 2002" for the Washington Association for Learning Alternatives in November.

The OAAE was formed in 1984 to promote and [illegible]

On the record

11/15/01

Teen-ager arrested

A 17-year-old student of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center was arrested Wednesday by a Clatsop County Sheriff's deputy on charges of first [illegible] sexual abuse, second degree intimidation and harassment for allegedly exposing himself to several female students and making unwanted contact with a male student. The suspect was transported to the North Coast Youth Correctional Facility.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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10/31/01

Congratulations to Tongue Point's October 2001 Graduation Class!

Thank you for your support of our students! It means the world to them.

Accounting:
Mary MacQuire GED/HSD
Leslie R. Hart, GED/HSD

Business & Clerical:
*Rachel Borton, HSD
Emmanuel Burrell, HSD
*Bryan Kilday, HSD
*Aleaha Sisson, GED/HSD
Toni Juanita Stewart, GED/HSD
*Emily Willard

CNA:
Elizabeth Lara, HSD
Brooks Mason, GED
Jamie Olsen
*Amanda Moore
Robin Mylo, HSD

Culinary Arts:
Derek Halman GED/HSD
Patrick Moore

Dental Assisting:
Brandice Cowan, GED/HSD
Gina Curwick, GED
Tahlia Ebbs, GED
Jennifer Pettigrew
*Guadalupe Rodriguez, HSD

Electrical:
*Michael Hubbert, GED
Taufiq Numan, HSD

Medical Assisting:
*Krista R. Bridges, GED
*Melissa Fahl
Hermelinda Magana
Melissa Marshall, GED
*Elizabeth Ortiz
Lisa Stewart

Painting:
Justin Maxwell, GED

Printing:
*Jasmine Dodson, GED/HSD
Malachi Umtuch-Baldassare

Welding:
Justin Barker

*Honors status (those who maintained perfect personnel history). GED and/ is listed if earned at Tongue

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HAMMERING HOME SOME HELP

Tongue Point Job Corps carpentry students, left to right, Marcelina Gonzales, Sang Tran and Efrain Rodriguez repair a picnic table at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Submitted photo

Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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11/28/01

Students and Staff Give the Gift of Life

Christina Spencer and Roxanne Coronado — greeting donors

Remember the first time you rode a bicycle? Gave a speech? Your first job interview? Or the first time you donated blood? Each time, you faced the uncertainties and fears of the new experience. Each time, you felt proud you did it. On Thursday, October 8th, a blood drive was held in the skating rink at Tongue Point Job Corps Center. One hundred and five students and staff members donated blood, sixty-seven of them for the first time. Last year Tongue Point's goal was to donate 75 pints of blood, and 95 pints were collected. This year our goal was 100 pints, and we are very proud that we exceeded our goal, again, with a donation of 105 pints.

Red Cross nurses and staff provided training to students in Tongue Point's health occupations vocation to assist as greeters, registrars, escorts, and canteen servers. The students did a great job and assisted the nurses with no hesitation. They also helped their fellow students who were a little nervous about getting their blood drawn.

We would like to thank the following students for their professional volunteer assistance, and the following staff members who assisted with planning and coordination, scheduling, donor appointments, and event set up and tear down. We also extend our appreciation to the many Tongue Point blood donors; your names are too numerous to list. Thank you all!

Student volunteers: April Arnett, Kelly Cavanaugh, Tiffany Clark, Roxanne Coronado, Ashley Garner, Terri Hallmark, Jessie Anne Silva, Christina Spencer, Ester Vandagriff, and Michael Vanderbeck

Staff assistance: Suzanne Cannon and Michelle Wall (Health Occupations), Mitra Vazeen and Debi Westphal (Vocational Programs), John Hankins and Stephen Colberg (Maintenance), Janis Porter and Dan Cavaya (Culinary Arts), Gary McQuin and Pam Brown (Food Services)

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Tongue Point Job Corps

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Students Of the Month • October, 2001

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Mekonnen Hagos

Student name: Mekonnen Hagos
Date of enrollment: October 31, 2000
Vocation: Medical Assisting/ACT

Mekonnen completed the medical assisting vocation and is now attending Clatsop Community College through the Advanced Career Training program. He has an exceptional sense of humor. His cheerful, outgoing nature brings joy to the staff who work with him. He has maintained a leadership position in his dorm since his first opportunity to hold one. Even now, although he is in college and is no longer required to hold leadership positions, he remains invested in dorm life.

Amberly Baker

Student name: Amberly Baker
Date of enrollment: July 25, 2000
Vocation: Accounting/ACT

Amberly demonstrates commitment and excellence in all aspects of Center life. She completed the accounting vocation and is now enrolled at Clatsop Community College through the ACT program. In her residence, she carries out her job as a senior hall leader with the utmost professionalism. She assists staff and students with a positive "can-do" attitude at all times and is willing to work through difficult situations. She juggles her time between residential, academic, and personal obligations with grace. She is one of her dorm's greatest assets and a true joy to work with. Amberly recently represented Tongue Point Job Corps Center at the MTC student leadership conference in Washington, D.C.

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Volunteers needed to get us into the Christmas spirit

By BEN GILBERT
The Daily Astorian

Calling all merrymakers, curmudgeons need also apply; it's for your own good.

Greater Astoria Historic Holidays will begin its third year Saturday decorating downtown Astoria for the holidays, and is looking for recruits. You don't have to be 3 feet tall and green, and you don't need pointy toes.

Volunteers will finish constructing the 10 giant stockings and candycanes to line Duane Street and 18 stars to twinkle over Marine Drive from the Astoria Aquatic Center to Ninth Street.

"I think people will notice a big difference between this year and last year on Duane Street," said Kent Brideno, who calls himself "one of the merrymakers."

[illegible] Job Corps students will hang garlands and the Astoria Fire Department will fix 22 lighted bells and 11 festive lanterns along Commercial Street lampposts. Pacific Power will hang the stars along Marine Drive, a bucket truck from Wadsworth Electric will help with other welded decorations and Bergeson Construction will assist in the tree lighting.

And there will be a tree, the group has faith. They found the perfect fir in the Youngs Bay area, but it was so perfect it was too big to haul into town, Brideno said. The group is hoping to find another tree that they can set up across from the Aquatic Center, but may instead decorate an 85-foot live tree growing at the Mill Pond site.

> *'I think people will notice a big difference'*
> — Kent Brideno
> merrymaker

Sandy and Dave Bennett are crafting two 8-foot tin soldiers to guard the cannon at the courthouse, the Astoria Lions Club will decorate the landscaped anchor island where Commercial Street meets Marine Drive and Astoria High School shop students are fabricating individual pieces in a Santa and reindeer team that will be elevated across the street from the Aquatic Center.

Historic Holidays has made a de facto Santa's workshop out of the former Ocean Beauty Seafood Plant and future transportation intermodal center at the corner of Ninth Street and Marine Drive, storing forklifts, festive lights, lanterns, oversized bells, stars, stockings and candy canes, and welding fixtures to attach the giant decorations to downtown light poles.

Historic Holidays, also known as the Christmas Club, is an arm of the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, but with its own bank account and fund-raising needs. The group is planning an annual fund-raiser at the Crab and Seafood Festival next year with Silver Salmon chowder, but may be a bit behind this season.

The group spent $10,000 last year, expanding its cache of decorations and disbursement about town. This year, the expansion is not so drastic, but the group has only about $4,000 to spend. Members rely on donations from businesses and individuals.

"Our real concerns are getting not only the manpower to do it, but for people to give us power to plug into their buildings," Brideno said, and hopes businesses will volunteer their electric outlets. The group is accepting everything from manpower and monetary donations to extension cords and Christmas lights. Members have 52 sets of lights now, and hope to gather 100 to 200 sets before it's all done. They've also been working with Jim Krettler to encourage business owners all along the riverfront and throughout downtown to hang white indoor lights.

"Hopefully other people will get involved on their own, too," said Tim O'Bryant, who Brideno calls "Mr. Christmas" after O'Bryant stumbled across a set of 1950s decorations at Patrick O'Malley's garage sale in Hammond three years ago and started the trend. O'Malley was asking about $30 per bell and lantern, but sold the entire set to O'Bryant for $100 on the condition that he put them up in town. Diane Beeston later painted them with ivy and frost.

[illegible] evenings, or leave equipment, lights and extension chords at the shop.

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Astoria city leaders put ODOT's feet to the fire on bicentennial issues

By BEN GILBERT
The Daily Astorian

Astoria aesthetics were the focus of Wednesday's Astoria City Council meeting as council members and Oregon Department of Transportation area manager Kathleen McMullen discussed traffic preparations for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial.

Reconstruction of the roundabout at Smith Point, realignment of 23rd and Exchange streets with Marine Drive into a square intersection, and continued enhancement of the River walk trail for bicycle and pedestrian traffic are among the projects expected to be completed in 2002.

For safety reasons, bicycle traffic will be directed into the downtown area as it reaches the Columbia River Maritime Museum from the east, and will reemerge onto the Riverwalk close to eighth street.

Council members expressed apprehension that the work will not be completed in time to handle bicentennial crowds. With construction on all projects taking place next summer, with an autumn deadline, a good portion of the city could be a work zone. Said McMullen, "We'll all want bicycles that year."

McMullen stood before the council with assurances that ODOT is mindful of the time crunch, but Councilor Doug Thompson, arms folded across his fleece vest as he leaned forward into the microphone, was adamant that his concerns be heard at ODOT as well as at the meeting.

Thompson cited recent changes in ODOT leadership at the state and regional level as the source of potential [illegible]

"Schedules slip, projects get amended," when the leadership is in transition, he said. Thompson was also adamant that the landscaping around these projects not be neglected - a perennial consequence of disruptions and budget cuts.

Councilor Bob Heilman agreed, noting that the upswing in tourism for the bicentennial has begun and will continue to grow.

The council also heard from other members of the community who have been active in their aesthetic duties. The 2000 Dr. Edward Harvey Historic Preservation Award was presented to several property owners for historically sensitive restoration projects. Paul Barber won in the residential category for his work on 171 Hume Ave., with honorable mentions going to Frederick and Martha White for their 2011 Irving Ave. [illegible] and Yaeko Carr for her house at 491 Cedar St.

The commercial property award went to Bill Gunderson and Floyd Holcom of the Scow Bay Trading Co. for the waterfront structure at 399 31st St., and Michelle Schmutter, director of the Clatsop County Historical Society, received the award in the institutional or government property category for detailed [illegible]

[illegible] paid for entirely by students which normally covers activities, equipment and charitable functions.

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The staff and students of Tongue Point Job Corps Center wish all our community friends and partners a joyous holiday season. May peace, hope and love be with you today, tomorrow, and always.

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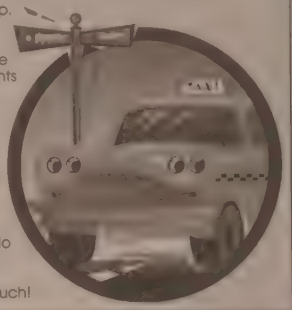
Tongue Point Job Corps Center

Says "Thank You" to Owl Taxi

Tongue Point Job Corps Center would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Mr. Clarence Williams and all of the staff at Owl Taxi in Longview, Washington. We appreciate the many times Owl Taxi has gone out of its way to provide services for us.

Recently, one of our new students arrived late at the Portland airport. Rather than making her wait alone, Owl Taxi sent an additional driver to pick her up. This is just one of the many times that Owl has provided outstanding service for Tongue Point. Our staff and our students appreciate Owl Taxi's dedication and commitment to customer service excellence.



Owl Taxi's drivers are often the first contact our students have with their new Job Corps home. The drivers are pleasant and accommodating, and they do a great job making our new students feel welcome and comfortable. Thank you so much!

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2/12/01

Tongue Point Job Corps Center

ACT Students Cooperative Work Experience

Maria Mendoza

Linda Davidson

Rosa Roldan

Nicole Turpin

Some of Tongue Point's best students have the opportunity to attend Clatsop Community College through Job Corps' Advanced Career Training (ACT) program. Attending Clatsop opens many, many doors for them. One of their best learning opportunities comes from internships and cooperative work experiences arranged through the college.

ACT students live at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, attend Clatsop Community College, and have cooperative work experiences in the local community. Linda Davidson, Rosa Roldan, and Nicole Turpin are three young women currently in the ACT program. All three are planning careers in education or early childhood education, and all are planning to transfer to four-year degree programs. Nicole spent last summer working with students in Astor Elementary School's summer reading program. Linda spent this term "playing" group learning games and tutoring Astor students in Connections, the new after-school program. Rosa is working as an early childhood care provider at Peace Lutheran Day Care, where she gets to be a big kid with the little kids. Former ACT student Maria Mendoza had the good fortune of completing internships at several local area schools. Maria is now a junior in the elementary education program at Portland State University.

It is with a great deal of pride and respect that we recognize these fine students who are working hard to become the teachers of tomorrow, and we thank all of our community partners who are contributing to their success!

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Staff Members Of the Month • November, 2001

Jeanette Halvorson, Medical Assistant

Hired on June 18, 2001, Jeanette has only been employed at Tongue Point for a short time. However, once hired, she "hit the ground running" and has made a real impact on our program by being extremely hard working. She works diligently to ensure students assigned to her for work-based learning receive quality training to help them succeed in a challenging work environment. She holds them accountable and sets high expectations, but does so in a manner that allows for learning and growth. She has assisted her new manager in setting up a system to ensure eligible students are signed up for, and participate in, the Oregon Health Plan to reduce the Center's medical costs. She willingly makes suggestions to improve departmental operations and accepts additional assignments as required. It is with extreme pride and respect that we recognize Jeanette Halvorson as the November 2001 staff member of the month.

"I truly like working with the students, and I love the teamwork among staff and feeling part of a team." —**Jeanette Halvorson**

Keith Butenshon

Keith began his career at Tongue Point in August of 2000. A dynamic team player, he is admired by his co-workers for his insight, knowledge, consistency and reliability. He envisions the department team members as "one" and strives to ensure they all work together to provide quality services to our students. He is a good problem-solver and looks for the win-win approach in all situations. In his position he often faces many changes; he quickly responds to the newness of a situation and, with a "can-do" attitude, assesses ways he can assist in providing a smooth and successful transition. He is a positive role model who is able to manage his time effectively to provide quality guidance and support to students. After he meets with a student, it is often reported that the student left feeling cared about, important, positive, and motivated. Keith knows how to have fun, and he shares his creativity and talents with those around him. He has a wonderful voice and last year he coordinated caroling during the student holiday luncheon. It is with a great deal of pride and respect that we recognize Keith Butenshon as the November 2001 Staff Member of the Month.

"It is very rewarding to have the daily opportunity to assist young people in attaining their career goals. I am honored to work with such a dedicated and united staff at Tongue Point Job Corps Center." —*Keith Butenshon*

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Staff Members Of the Month • December, 2001

Martin Montes, Senior Vocational Instructor

This staff member has worked at Tongue Point for almost seven years. He is a proven team player who goes above and beyond his job description and duties to ensure the TPJC team continues to succeed. He cares very much about our students' futures and provides ongoing support and encouragement to assist them in completing their vocational and academic programs at the highest level. He sets high standards, but does so with proactive involvement and a hands-on attitude. He has put in many, many hours developing the Center's new Office Technology and Information Technology curriculum. He contributes much time and effort coordinating Cinco de Mayo celebrations and the Hispanic booth at the annual International Food Fair. In addition to his regular responsibilities, he recently volunteered to serve as acting Work-Based Learning Specialist so that student progress could continue. He is always willing to help his department in any way possible. It is with a great deal of pride and respect that we recognize Martin Montes as our December 2001 Staff Member of the Month.

Pat Lundin, Academic Instructor

This staff member joined the Tongue Point team three years ago, and in that time she has emerged not only as a leader of her team on Center, but also as a top professional, recognized nationally for excellence of theory and practice. There is no one more concerned with the welfare of our students, no one more aware of the tenor of our organizational culture, no one more forward looking as changes in our program are bound to affect what we do in unexpected ways. Although this teacher's advanced class is not required for most students, one of the best bragging points in our Academic Programs Department is the long waiting list of students who have heard that no matter what his or her experience with math was in the past, anyone can learn algebra from this teacher. For apprenticeship admission and for the many intangible reasons that move adult learners, students stand in line to join this teacher for the hardest class we offer. Her reputation for excellence is well-founded and well-deserved, and for these reasons we are proud to recognize Pat Lundin as our December 2001 Staff Member of the Month.

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1/2/02

Staff and Students Adopt a Family for the Holidays

Tongue Point Job Corps Center staff and students were happy to participate in the community "Adopt-A-Family" program again this year. Four families were adopted, and staff and students worked together to purchase and wrap gifts and deliver them directly to the families.

David Gosnell & David "Dee" Amotai

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Heather Hyde, Recreation Advisor, and several students created gift cards for the Center's "giving" tree. More than 25 students participated in the Student Government Association sponsored wrapping party and gift delivery. Several of these students stayed at the Center over the winter break, and we congratulate them for spending their holiday time making someone else's more memorable.

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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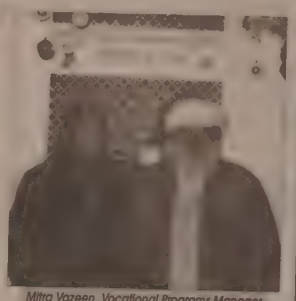
1/9/02

Recognizes Santa Claus

Staff member Jim Murray's "regular" job at Tongue Point is maintenance worker, but around the time of the winter solstice, his uniform changes. His heartwarming smile and cheerful outlook become even brighter yet, when he dons a merry, red Santa Claus suit and hat.

This holiday season, Santa Jim greeted Tongue Point employees with a candy cane as they arrived at the Center's dining hall for a staff holiday potluck. The Clatsop Bridges Care Center called Tongue Point to ask if we had any idea where they might find a Santa Claus. Jim's presence added much warmth to their Christmas party and his natural, long bushy beard and well-used lap brought many smiles and giggles to their residents. The Student Government Association (SGA) asked Jim if Santa could be present very early the morning that 550 Tongue Point students were scheduled to leave the Center for their winter break. SGA wanted students to have the opportunity to have their Polaroid picture taken with Santa Claus for a suggested 50-cent donation. They raised $58.12 which was donated to the Clatsop Community Action food bank. Jim also made sure the few students who remained at the Center over the holiday break were visited by Santa. Extraordinary is the best word to describe this employee who consistently offers whatever service he performs in an ever-present spirit of joy, teamwork, and good will.



Mitra Vazeen, Vocational Programs Manager with Jim Murray, Santa Claus

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Local Briefs

DAILY ASTORIAN 1/10/02

Students invited to careers fair

The sixth annual Coast Career Fair will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Students from Clatsop Community College, Tongue Point Job Corps Center and Pacific County, Wash., as well as Clatsop and Columbia counties, have been invited.

The Coast Career Fair 2002 will focus on career education in the fields of business and management, military science, health services, arts and communication, industry and engineering, natural resources and human resources.

Fifty employers from the region will participate, including Fort Stevens State Park, North Coast Fred Meyer, Columbia Fitness, Astoria Police Department and Columbia Memorial Hospital. Representatives will explain employer expectations, educational requirements and job duties. They will also be able to show videos, provide demonstrations, supply brochures and have one-on-one discussions with students interested in their field.

For more information, call Kristen Lee-Gordon, regional coordinator of the North Coast Educational Consortium, at 325-0910.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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1/16/02

Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

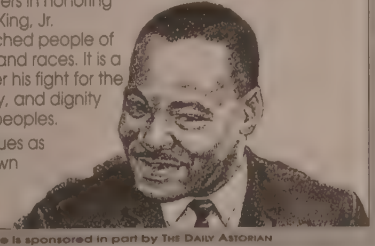
"I have a dream...

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today..."

The students and staff of Tongue Point Job Corps Center join our community partners in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King's life touched people of all backgrounds and races. It is a time to remember his fight for the freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and peoples.

His dream continues as we live it in our own lives and in our communities.



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Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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1/23/02

Congratulations to Tongue Point Job Corps College Students!

After completing their vocational training, selected Tongue Point students have an opportunity to continue their education through the Advanced Career Training program linkage with Clatsop Community College. We are pleased to recognize the following ACT students who have achieved a cumulative overall GPA of 3.0 or higher

- Tabitha Clay
- Amberly Baker - Honor Roll
- Jamilla Davis
- Melissa Gendron - Dean's List
- Deonna Endicott - Honor Roll
- Juanita Marquez - Honor Roll
- Emily Free • Rosa Roldan - Honor Roll
- Bethlehem Gebre-Egziabher
- Abaynesh Hailu - 4.0
- Eva Lemus • D. Bobby Fry - Dean's List
- Chad McAlexander
- Ruth Grimaldo - Dean's List
- Patty Pineda-Jarvis
- Nicole Mack - Dean's List
- Victor Pinto • Chivon Reel - Honor Roll
- Dirshaye Yimer - Honor Roll

Tongue Point is extremely proud of these young men and women!

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"Less one-way streets. It's kind of a hassle

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Paul Martini, 18, Tongue Point

"A place for the kids to hang out, like the youth center they have in Seaside. Some place with pool tables, foosball, maybe some old arcade games. There's a lot of kids running around with nothing to do, so they go do drugs."

Chris Howard, 21, Tongue Point

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News in Brief

Tongue Point welcomes new supervisor

Tongue Point Job Corps Center announced its new Vocational Skills Training Supervisor, Bob Paetsch. Paetsch comes to Tongue Point from Kathrein Inc., Scala Division, a manufacturer of antennas for the telecommunications industry, where he worked as a project manager for four years. Prior to that he worked for 17 years as an energy efficiency representative. Paetsch holds a bachelor's degree in industrial arts from Fresno State University and a master's degree in vocational education from Long Beach (Calif.) State University.

Bob Paetsch

Paetsch and his wife of 28 years, Diane, live in Sherwood, where she works for PacTrust in Tigard. They have two grown children, Amy and Christopher.

NASELLE-GRAYS RIVER VALLEY NEWS 2/07/02

Naselle students 'job shadow' at Job Corps

ASTORIA - Five Naselle [illegible] School students went with K[illegible] Heimbigner to Tongue Point Job Corps Feb. 1 for a job-shadowing [illegible]

[illegible] an orientation about the facility, then placed students with the medical coordinator, record manager, [illegible], motor pool manager, [illegible] director.

Mike Wilson shadowed the [illegible] Hessad. What [illegible] with [illegible] important [illegible]

[illegible] Eastham visited the [illegible] partment. "I was amazed [illegible] tasks that go into [illegible]

[illegible] Varela spent time with the center director, Nancy Pyburn in charge of the entire Astoria operation. "She told me to follow my instincts. Pyburn worked as a teacher, an athletic director and at Boston University before directing Tongue Point. I filed papers and sent e-mail to the staff, things I do at Naselle High School," Jordan said.

We all came away with a better understanding of what goes on at Tongue Point, and what it is like in the real world of work," Heimbigner said.

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Tongue Point Job Corps

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1/30/02

Congratulates its two January Employees of the Month!

Abby Bandurraga, Case Manager

Congratulations to Abby Bandurraga, Case Manager in Tongue Point's Career Transition Department. Abby is enthusiastic, energetic, innovative, creative and a positive role model. In November of 2000, she stepped into a department and a position that were just being created, quickly grasped the Job Corp's focus, and dug in. Her contributions have been thorough, detailed and of top quality. She goes many extra miles to help the students she works with, and is always concerned about their long-term success.

When asked about her experience at Job Corps, Abby says, *"Job Corps promotes hope and success in young adults who have often had little experience with either. I truly enjoy the relationships that have formed between myself and our students and with my fellow staff."*

Amanda Reynolds, Residence Advisor

Congratulations also to Amanda Reynolds, Residence Advisor. Amanda has worked at Tongue Point for over three years and in that time has worked in three very different positions. In each area, she was innovative, leaving behind programs that have survived and continue to run well. Students view Amanda as upbeat and positive, and she continually strives to improve her abilities and the quality of services provided to students.

A big thanks to Abby and Amanda!

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Congratulations to Tongue Point's February 2002 Graduation Class!

Thank you for your support of our students! It means the world to them.

ACCOUNTING:
Tiffany Martin
Jonathan Nelson, GED

CARPENTRY:
Miguel Lopez
Scott Wilson, GED

CEMENT MASONRY:
Stephanie Hayes, GED, HSD

CULINARY:
*Scott Pamplin
John Rock III, GED

DENTAL:
*Marcel Fernandes, GED

FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE:
Brandon Adams
Joel Hundley, GED
*Robert Kees Jr.
Gregory Wineland, GED

MEDICAL ASSISTING:
*Katie Edwards, GED
*Kelly Cavenaugh, GED
Jovan Harris, GED
Destiny VanDagriff, HSD
Michael Vanderbeek, GED, HSD

NURSING ASSISTING:
Kaniko Allen, GED
Joy Armstrong
Roxanne Coronado, GED
*Asiya Ismaeli, HSD
Denee Johnson, GED
Holly King, GED
Tina Nelson, HSD
Jody Riggins
Lysa Tomihus, GED

OFFICE TECHNOLOGY:
Amanda Anderson, GED
Galea Bradshaw, GED
Randall Brewster, HSD
Joey Fanno, GED, HSD
Jamie Gonzales, GED
Yvonne Griffith, HSD
Genet Tefera, HSD
Valerie Schreiber, GED
Melissa Simmons, GED
Jennifer Wade, HSD
*Harmony Wiley

PAINTING:
Ericka Sandvold, GED

WELDING:
Scotty Jacobi

*Indicates graduating with honors

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Congratulates its February Staff of the Month!

Dale Chamberlain, Maintenance Worker

Tongue Point is proud to recognize Dale Chamberlain. Dale never complains, but does his job quietly, and does it well. Dale will do anything that is asked of him, and more. His flexibility and willingness to adapt make him an asset to the Tongue Point staff, and the students look up to him as a role model. Congratulations Dale!

Matt Lindstrom, Security Department Training Officer

Tongue Point is pleased to honor Matt Lindstrom. Matt is responsible for training the security officers, as well as all new staff on Tongue Point policies and procedures. Matt is certified as an unarmed security officer instructor by the State of Oregon Department of Public Safety, Standards and Training. He possesses a keen eye for detail and a professional demeanor. Way to go Matt!

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Tongue Point is proud to recognize Tony DeVos, Accountant. Our "Unsung Hero" award goes to an employee who is perseverant, diligent, positive, and has demonstrated a quiet commitment to Tongue Point's staff and students. Tony has done all that and more. Tony is unwaveringly pleasant and cheerful, with a great smile and a sense of humor that makes other people comfortable around him. His great attitude is so very appreciated!

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Job Corps honors reserve officer graduates

3/8/02

Jay Lambert

James Jordan

Rick Yelton

Tongue Point Job Corps Center is proud to recognize three employees who will graduate from the Reserve Police Officer Academy Saturday.

Residential Living Supervisor Jay Lambert, Security Officer James Jordan and Senior Security Officer Rick Yelton have completed the six-month program while working full-time at Tongue Point. Nearly every law enforcement agency in Clatsop County uses reserve officers.

The following students have been named to the honor roll/at their colleges or universities for winter quarter 2002:

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Clatsop Community College Deans List
(3.75 to 4.0 GPA)

Astoria: Ramon Alcantar, Daniel Allen, Kami Allen, Amberly Baker, Todd Baker, Jessica Bammann, Heidi Bratton, Autumn Doss, Rachelle Dye, Brady Gray, Bradley Green, Dwaine Holiday, Gregory Johnson, Jennifer Lindstrom, Nicole Mack, Nina Mansell, Virginia Matlock, Kia McClain, Daniel McGrath, Elizabeth Mendez, Kay Mott, Krystine Murry, Gina Neal, Michael Rathbun, Crystal Rowe, Peter Strandberg, Patricia Vance, Preston VanHook, Matthew White, Molly Woon, Judy Pounders, Jeri Johnson, Amanda Griffith, John Budge, Carrie Espasandin, Victoria S[redacted], Karl M[redacted]

Honor Roll (3.5 to 3.74 GPA)

Astoria: Axel Anderson, Stephani Danners, Brian Hoogendyk, Ca[redacted] Sellers, Amy Hraham, April Howard, Thomas Morgan-Brian Sose, Jeffrey Chow, Crystal Jenson, Katrina Walker, Joseph Berry, [redacted] Benjamin McClain, Megan Hoyer, James Matlock, Kaleb Thoreson, Sue Painter, Jennifer Beatty, Shawnie Mitcham, Sarah Parson, Rinda Johansen, Kathy McCall, Sonni Upshaw and Scott Wilson

4/12/02

More than 200 students from Job Corps centers in Washington, Idaho and Oregon participated in the 14th annual Joint Action in Community Service essay contest. First place winner for the Tongue Point Job Corps Center was SABRINA MARIE WILSON, whose essay went on to nab second place for the Northwest Region.

Other Tongue Point winners included PATRICE HARRIS, who won second place in the local contest, and TANISHA SURLS, who won the third place award. The contest is meant to develop student writing skills and honor each center's top writers. It was created by Joint Action in Community Service, a volunteer organization designed to assist Job Corps students as they get settled after graduation. This year's subject was, "How Job Corps Changed My Life."

Sabrina Marie Wilson

Wilson just graduated from Tongue Point after receiving her GED and completing the receptionist vocation. Her essay describes her struggles to achieve in Job Corps and how Job Corps "gave them that feeling of family that [she] had been probing for." Her essay will be submitted for competition nationally.

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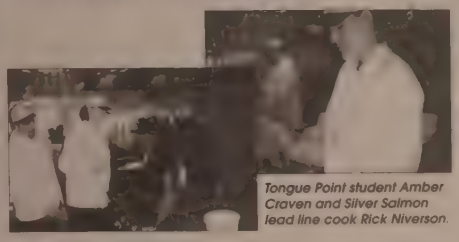
Community Partners Make a Difference



Tongue Point student Amber Craven and Silver Salmon lead line cook Rick Niverson.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank-you" to The Silver Salmon Grille for its commitment to our students in the Work Based Learning program. Jeff and Laurie Martin and their entire staff have really gone the extra mile to ensure that our Culinary Arts students have a "hands-on" experience and learn the art of working in fine dining. This community partnership allows our students to practice the skills they have acquired at Tongue Point, while learning new skills and techniques in the world of work. Thanks Jeff and Laurie! You've really made a difference in our Worked Based Learning program!

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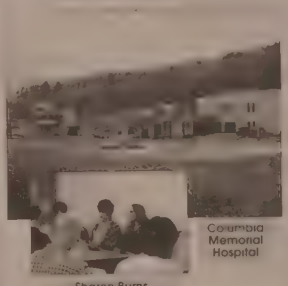
Tongue Point Says Thanks to Columbia Memorial Hospital!



Columbia Memorial Hospital

Sharon Burns conducts mock interviews with students

Tongue Point Job Corps would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to Sharon Burns, and all the staff at Columbia Memorial Hospital. CMH has partnered with Tongue Point in many ways. CMH is a productive Work-Based Training location for our students in Health Occupations, and on Groundhog Job Shadow Day, CMH mentored 5 students in five different departments. Sharon, the Quality Manager, represents CMH on Tongue Point's Industry Council, and has also visited the Center to conduct mock interviews with students preparing for graduation. Our students and staff appreciate everyone at CMH and all the ways they help to make a successful partnership with Tongue Point.

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Congratulates its Staff Members of the Month for March

Carol Capps, Cook

As a cook on Center, Carol is conscientious in her recipes and food preparation. Carol's strong work ethic along with her big heart has made her invaluable to the Center. She has helped to make her department run smoothly with her innovative ideas. "I love to cook and I love working with young people. Here I have the best of both worlds. I enjoy being around the students; they keep me young, and I enjoy working in the food service industry."

Ellen Colberg, Purchasing Assistant

Ellen has worked in several different departments, and in each new position, she has quickly learned her job, then has instituted systems for streamlining functions. In her current position, Ellen literally provides the Center with everything it needs and makes certain they arrived promptly. "I am fortunate to work with a really wonderful group of people. The staff are dedicated to helping students achieve their dreams. The students are making positive changes in their lives that will give them better employment opportunities."

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With 5,000 eggs and dye donated by Fred Meyer, Tongue Point students put in the hours dying the eggs in time for Saturday's egg hunt.

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Hunt for eggs in Astoria, too

What happens when 5,000 eggs are boiled, dyed and scattered about Tapiola Park? About 1,000 children flock there Saturday, March 30.

Astoria Parks and Community Services is putting on an egg hunt at noon that day. Starting at 11 a.m., there will be a plethora of child-oriented events, including balloon animals, face painting, firefighters and the Easter Bunny itself.

This noontime hunt is for children 11 and younger, says Terra Littell, recreation coordinator for Parks and Community Services. Children will be divided into four smaller age groups and a special needs group. Each group will have its own area to explore.

"The little kids would get trampled by the big ones if we didn't divide them up," Littell says.

The hunt is usually over by 12:05 p.m., she says. "It's important to be on time."

Fred Meyer donated the 5,000 real eggs and Tongue Point Job Corps Center volunteered to prepare them for the hunt. There will also be at least 50 pounds of candy and hundreds of toys.

"Well, we thought, 'What could be more fun than dying 5,000 eggs?'" says Naomi Ulsted, business and community liaison for Tongue Point.

The cafeteria staff spent a weekend boiling the eggs, then the culinary arts staff dyed the eggs. Other students volunteered for other duties, such as watching the children during the hunt and dressing up as clowns and entertaining them.

"Our students are real excited to be involved in the community," Ulsted says.

Those in grades six through 12 will also get a chance at searching for eggs in Astoria. Teens can hunt for plastic eggs filled with gift certificates for pizza, ice cream, Mt. Hood lift tickets and candy.

The evening hunt usually lasts around 45 minutes, she says. The eggs are also hidden more craftily for older seekers.

"That one lasts a little bit longer because they're looking for eggs in the dark," Littell says.

Participants will have a chance to win a scooter donated by Hauer's Cyclery. Littell is working on organizing music, too.

"There's just not that much for teen-agers to do in our community," Littell says. "This is something they can do."

The evening hunt starts at 7:30, and check-in is 30 minutes earlier. However, participants in the evening hunt must register at Parks and Community Services by Friday, March 29. Call (503) 325-7275 or visit 1095 Duane St. for more information.

Ciera Jones, 16, a Tongue Point Job Corps Center student, dyes multitudes of eggs pastel purple earlier in the week.

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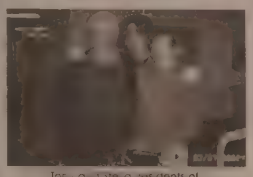
Tongue Point Job Corps Center Sends a Huge "Thank-You" to Neawanna by the Sea!



Tongue Point Job Corps residents of Neawanna and Tongue Point student Shawnda Luce

Tongue Point students Tern Hallmark and Nicola Senn with a resident of Neawanna.

Debbie Breitmeyer and her staff at Neawanna By The Sea, Assisted Living Facility have done an outstanding job with our Work-Based Learning Students. Students from our Nursing Assistant Vocation are given the opportunity to work "hands-on" in their chosen career field and gain confidence while enhancing their skill level. Every student that has had the opportunity to work with Debbie and her staff have not wanted to leave when their contract was complete.

Neawanna By The Sea is one of our newest partners in our Work-Based Learning Program and we cherish this relationship. Thank you for giving our students the opportunity to reach their goals and give back to their community.

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Congratulations to Debi Westphal and Pam Peterson, Tongue Point's "Unsung Heroes!"

Left to right: Debi Westphal and Pam Peterson

Our "Unsung Heroes" award goes to employees who are perseverant, diligent, positive, and have demonstrated a quiet commitment to Tongue Point's staff and students. Pam and Debi have exhibited attention to detail, hard work, and unwavering resolve. Their projects are always completed in a timely, thorough, and accurate manner, and with a positive attitude. Thank you!

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A Visit from the Rebecca Inn!

Chef Jeremy Middleton of the Rebecca Inn prepares one of his creations with culinary arts instructor Richard Heppner, and students from the culinary arts vocation.

Tongue Point Job Corps hosted a visit by chef Jeremy Middleton of the Rebecca Inn in Ilwaco. Jeremy spent the day with students from the Culinary Arts vocation, demonstrating the creation of new dishes. Thanks to Jeremy for sharing his expertise with us, and thanks to the Rebecca Inn for loaning us Jeremy for the day!

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Congratulates its Staff Members of the Month for April

Debi Westphal

We are thrilled to recognize Debi Westphal! Although she's only been with Job Corps a short time, Debi has proven to be a team player. Debi's professionalism and good humor make her an excellent role model for both students and staff, and her "can-do" attitude has created a positive impact for the entire Center.

Tamara Walker

Congratulations also to Tamara Walker! Tamara has been at Tongue Point since 1992, and has continually shown enthusiasm for her job. She loves working with our student population, and continually strives to see that our students' needs are met. She has seen a great deal of change at Tongue Point, and has remained flexible and cheerful.

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Students helped

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Another year has gone by and it is time once again to thank those who have generously donated goods and services to our thriftshop

We would especially like to thank Diamond Heating for working with us, making it possible for us to provide our customers with a safe, comfortable environment. Thanks must also go to the students in carpentry and painting vocations at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center, and we don't want to forget our loyal customers and volunteers for their continued support With everyone's help we are able to provide spay and neuter certificates to residents within the Seaside School District boundaries.

CHERYLE BARKER,
secretary, Tri-City Spay and Neuter Thriftshop
Seaside

Maria Owens

Maria Owens will graduate from Tongue Point Job Corps in October as a computer service technician

She's been in and out of foster care her whole life, but amid the chaos she developed a love for music and dance. She's now the disc jockey at Job Corps Friday night dances

It's fun when people like your music she said I wish we had a karaoke machine That would really mix it up

Owens 20 hopes to go on to Portland State University and study dance She's one of Job Corps ambassadors to the community and has served on her hall council at the center.

"Rather than blaming her upbringing for the difficulties she has encountered in life, she thanks all of the families that she lived with for their influence in her life," Job Corps' Naomi Ulsted wrote in Owens' nomination She knows that without these experiences, she would not have the strength that she has today. And she would not be able to share that strength with others, as she does."

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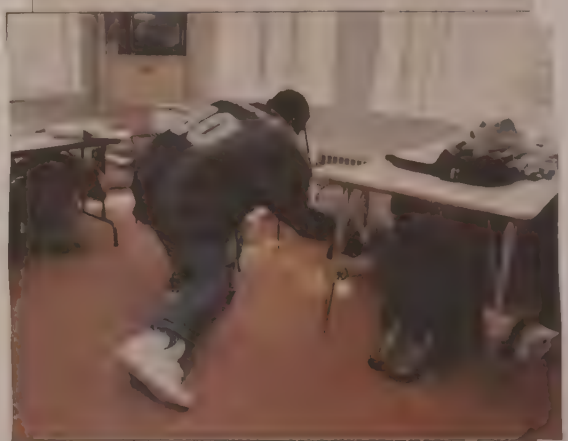
DUCKING FOR COVER



Tongue Point Job Corps Center student Isaiah Bostic ducks under a table during a Thursday morning earthquake/tsunami drill, a twice yearly event. The 520 students on campus practiced the earthquake procedure of drop, cover, and hold, then provided assistance to others, and proceeded to a higher ground meeting place.

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¡Cinco de Mayo!

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From nearest, Isabel Sandoval, 17, Miriam Angeles, 22, Sandra Rodgriguez, 19, Norma Mancilla, 17, and Lupita Salcedo Diaz, 20, dance in front of fellow Tongue Point students to "Jarabe Tapatio" for a Cinco de Mayo assembly.

Job Corps celebrates Mexican culture with dancing, piñatas

By JENNIFER COLLINS
The Daily Astorian

Lupita Salcedo can still recall the way her mother flourished her skirts at family celebrations.

"I've followed her steps since I was little," Salcedo says, recreating her mother's tapping feet and swirling skirts as she shared a cultural dance with fellow students at Tongue Point Job Corps' Cinco de Mayo festivities Friday.

But Salcedo's mother wasn't there. Most likely, she was working in a linen factory in Bend – weaving at fabric similar to the stiff green threads of Salcedo's skirts.

Each day, her single mother fights small battles at the factory. She rises early, works long days on hard floors and comes home tired.

A short time weaving linen taught Salcedo the factory is not the life she wants. And thanks to her mother's sacrifices, it's not the life she will have to live.

On Friday, Salcedo will graduate from the vocational school as the first woman in her family to earn a certificate beyond high school.

But last Friday, the 20-year-old woman danced her mother's salsa steps with six women and four men who

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Students gather around Veronica Martinez, 18, as she takes a whack at a piñata.

Holiday: Festivities at education center involve dancing, Mexican food

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shared three traditional dances with more than 500 Tongue Point students of many ethnic backgrounds.

"It shows [illegible] pride," she said. "We are American too. We are just [illegible]"

The Tongue Point students who packed the [illegible] some of the countless people who celebrated Cinco de Mayo this weekend.

The holiday commemorates the Battle of Puebla, when an outnumbered, poorly equipped Mexican military defeated French forces May 5, 1862.

Today, people in the Mexican state of Puebla celebrate Cinco de Mayo most heartily, but other parts of the country also recognize May 5 by taking days off.

"It's not a big deal – like the Presidents' Day here," said office technology student Angelica Martinez, 2[illegible]. "The real big deal is the independence day."

However, several U.S. cities which have large Hispanic populations celebrate the holiday. [illegible]

When [illegible] in [illegible] Mexico [illegible] Cinco de Mayo [illegible] holiday [illegible] work [illegible]

As Salcedo took part in Mexican [illegible] her dance [illegible] remember [illegible] steps last year, when she danced for Cinco de Mayo after being at Job Corps for only 10 days.

As with last year's celebration, the dancers almost lost their nerve. Luckily for the students, the coordinator and Job Corps counselor Magdalena Montes convinced them to dance – in time to practice the three songs two days before the festivities.

One song, "Los Viejitos," seemed [illegible] dance, but provided a glimpse of the humor in Mexican culture for students at the center – some of whom never celebrated the holiday before.

Donna Smith, a 23-year-old accounting student, was one of these, and she savored "Los Viejitos."

In the dance, old men hobble to the center of the stage, their canes linked together, and try to woo a young woman. They form a circle by locking [illegible]

"It was interesting ... seeing the guys going around the girls," Smith said as she sampled Mexican pastries provided for the festivities.

Then the girl's mother begins chasing them with her broom, knocking the feeble men over.

At that moment, most of the audience was doubled over, laughing at a scene communicated without words.

More humor came after the dance [illegible] a much revered game. Trying to smack a piñata with a stick while blindfolded.

"There are always piñatas for the kids at births and baptisms," Salcedo said.

After students smashed the piñatas and looted their contents, Salcedo and several other students danced informally in a group – another tradition at family gatherings.

[illegible] the Hispanic music, has a story like many immigrants.

She immigrated to California when she was 6. When she was 15, she moved to Bend with her mother and five siblings.

"She wanted us to have a better life," Salcedo said.

But Salcedo, who hopes to work as a translator, will have the opportunity to make a stable future for [illegible]

A future, she says, she owes to the battles of the Mexican people and the small battles her mother fights every day in the Bend linen factory.

MEXICAN CULTURE

Learn the art of tamale cooking at a Mexican cooking workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 18 at Astoria High School. The event costs $5 and is limited to 30 people.

Traditional Mexican dance group, Ballet Folklorico de Woodburn, will perform from 2 to 4 p.m. May 25 at Clatsop Community College's Performing Arts Center.

For more information, call Magdalena Montes at 861-3828 or Patricia Morrissey at 338-2334.

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Isabel Sandoval, 17, and Francisco Sandoval, 20, dance to "Cumbias" during a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Tongue Point Job Corps. All of the students who attended were invited to join in and dance.

History of Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's independence day, but the choices of the constantly changing leadership of Mexico after it declared its independence from Spain Sept. 16, 1810, play an important role in Cinco de Mayo.

After gaining independence, a series of internal coups, the Mexican-American War and the Mexican [illegible]

France's Napoleon III decided to retrieve its debts by conquering Mexico and sent his Austrian relative [illegible]

[illegible] Although U.S. President Abraham Lincoln was sympathetic to Mexico's cause, the conflict came during the Civil War and he couldn't offer help.

But Mexico wouldn't go without a fight and that fight came in the Battle of Puebla, when a 4,500-strong Mexican army defeated the 6,500-man French army.

When Napoleon heard of the defeat, he dispatched 30,000 troops, who eventually took over Mexico [illegible]

[illegible] began sending political and military assistance to Mexican people, who reclaimed their country.

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www.vivacincodemayo.org/history.htm

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Says Thanks to Seaside Dental Care!

TPJCC dental student, Tammara Moore

Dr. Franklin Young and his wife Ravy Young provide our dental students with a six-week intensive training program. Tammara Moore, TPJCC dental student, was the first to enter this program and she came away with the confidence, the experience and the skills to enter the world of work with confidence.

Thanks to the entire staff at Seaside Dental Care for giving our students such a rare opportunity! You make a difference for Tongue Point Job Corps.

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Nominations for the Alpha Awards

Staff of the Women's Resource Center

Sharon Burns from Columbia Memorial Hospital

L R Seamanship student Olivia Reselap, Captain Deborah Dempsey, and Seamanship student Kashel Meyer

Tongue Point Job Corps is thrilled to announce its nominations for the annual Alpha Awards. Job Corps centers across the nation have nominated businesses, community organizations, and individuals to receive these prestigious awards given by the national office of Job Corps. Those nominated have demonstrated commitment, creativity and zeal in their partnerships with Job Corps.

Tongue Point's nominations are: The Women's Resource Center, Columbia Memorial Hospital, and Captain Deborah D. Dempsey.

The national winners will be announced in June. Thanks for being such great partners!

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The 'Women in Trades' Fair was a great success

Ashley Hudson is one of six female students in the plastering vocation at Tongue Point.

Eleven young women from Tongue Point Job Corps Center, who are enrolled in plastering, carpentry, glazing, printing and facilities maintenance attended the Women in Trades Fair in Tualatin on Friday, May 17th.

They had the opportunity to meet with employers and attend hands-on workshops taught by journey-level trades women. They made extension and phone cords, airbrushed license plate holders, built tool boxes, created a paper holder from PVC pipe, made their own letterpress/printed notepads, and learned how to make watertight seals using small models of the commercial roofing process.

The Women in Trades Fair was a great chance to show these women the opportunities ahead of them.

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Congratulations to Tongue Point's May 2002 Graduation Class!

Thank you for your support of our students! It means the world to them.

Accounting:
Shannon Benson
Teresa Martin
Tara Shefstad

Carpentry:
Christopher Schofield

Cement Masonry:
Henry Sutton

Culinary Arts:
*Jerry DeBoer, GED
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Dental Assisting:
Christina Huelter
Valentina Kuzmina, HSD
*Tammara Moore, GED
Regina Sherman, GED
*Elia Torres

Electrical:
Adrian Bolen
*Ivan Kuzmin
*Yuriy Skalozub, HSD
[illegible]

Facilities and Maintenance
Lyle Anderson, GED
Maston Cook

Glazing:
Kristine Mansfield, GED
Valentin Danchev, HSD

Medical Assisting
Donald Beesley, HSD
Tiffany Lyn Clark, HSD
Jenny Rich
Stephanie Williams, GED

Nursing Assisting
*Ashley Garner (CNA), GED
Erin Kelly, HSD
Nicole Senn, HSD
Sarah Walker, GED
*Saba Zahilay, HSD
*Elssa Zahilay, HSD

Office Technology
Princess Hicks
*Lupita Salcedo Diaz, HSD
Elva Torres, HSD

Painting:
Edward Lombard, HSD
Elizabeth Manrow, GED

Plastering:
Ricky Bloker, HSD

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Sparkles and Jelly are two clowns on a mission. The mission: the art of clowning. Jennifer "Sparkles" Greenbladt is a student of the Tongue Point Clowns program, and Naomi "Jelly" Alsted is the program director. These clowns, and the [illegible] their troupe, will be hanging around the **Astoria Sunday Market** a lot this season — in addition to visiting fairs and festivals in the region.

They'll be fine-tuning the craft of face painting, balloon sculpture and juggling — all part of the clown curriculum. Donation proceeds raised will be left local children's services. Catch the [illegible] at the Market June 23, by the sound stage.

Also @ the Market: OSU Master Gardeners, June 16. Plant got a bug? Bring it to the plant doctors. Master Gardeners will be on site to remedy your plant ills. If you don't [illegible] pest problem, stop by the booth to learn more about gardening in the Pacific North [illegible] the OSU Extension Office for more info and clinics throughout the summer. (503) [illegible]

The Astoria Children's Museum will be at the Market every Sunday. Wee ones and budding young artists can engage in creative and educational things to do provided by Museum volunteers.

The Sunday Market season kick off was blessed with incredible sunshine, stellar attendance and an excellent variety of plants, crafts and arts. The addition of the **Food Court**, featuring Thai, Italian, seafood and American grill, loads of bistro/umbrella seating and the performance stage have turned this Sunday must-do into a Sunday must-hang. Downtown Astoria on 12th between Duane and Marine Dr. 10am-3pm.

Tongue Point Job Corps

COMMUNITY CORNER

Tongue Point Honors its Staff Members for May!

5/29/02

Roberta Muehlberg

A heartfelt congratulations goes out to Roberta Muehlberg, a registered nurse at Tongue Point. Her wealth of knowledge assists her with the tremendous workload her job requires. She does an excellent job educating students and holding them accountable. She is flexible and always willing to help other staff members adapt to change. She willingly takes on new responsibilities, demonstrates initiative, and offers effective ideas. Her positive attitude, along with a multitude of other strengths, make her an asset to all of Tongue Point.

Gene Mellott

Congratulations to Residential Advisor Gene Mellott. Gene has held numerous positions on Center, and in each case, has used his wealth of experience and knowledge to provide important and needed background information to assist his supervisors. He is flexible when asked to come in early or stay late and is able to change gears effectively and quickly. He handles unexpected changes with ease, provides clear and concise directions, and maintains a calm demeanor that instills students with a feeling of security.

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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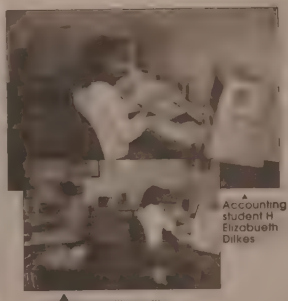
Welcomes The Red Lion!

6/5/02



▲ Accounting student H Elizabeth Dilkes

▲ Elizabeth Dilkes with Red Lion employee Jane Smith

Tongue Point Job Corps Center would like to welcome Ken Bryan and his staff at The Red Lion for joining our team as a Work-Based Learning Site.

The Red Lion offers a variety of opportunities for our students, including: Accounting, Office Technology and Culinary Arts.

Accounting student H. Elizabeth Dilkes has been doing her "hands-on" training in Accounting for the past five weeks and has not only gained knowledge in the field of accounting but has also gained self-confidence and a sense of teamwork.

Thank you Red Lion — you make a difference for our students!

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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Recognizes Ahmed Ali!

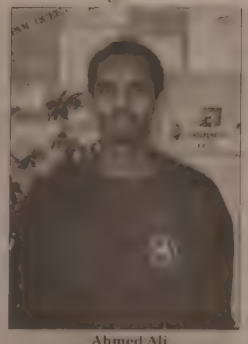
6/26/02

Tongue Point is proud to recognize Ahmed Ali, a student in our electrical vocation. Ahmed has been selected to attend the 5th Annual Construction Apprenticeship Academy.

While attending the week-long academy in Kingston, Washington, Ahmed will learn about the construction industry through hands-on training. Sponsored by the Northwest Laborers Apprenticeship Program, the academy is designed to educate young people about the career potential of the construction industry, and to give qualified youth a step-up in the industry.

During his week at the academy, Ahmed will have the opportunity to apply to the Northwest Laborers Apprenticeship Program, or other construction trade apprenticeship programs.

Ahmed has been a student at Tongue Point since January of 2001.



Ahmed Ali

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Recognizes Nicole Mack in ACT

6/19/02

Tongue Point is proud to recognize Nicole Mack, an outstanding student in our Advanced Career Training Program. Nicole was selected by Clatsop Community College to be one of two Commencement Marshals in the CCC graduation on Friday the 14th.

Nicole was offered this honor due to her high grade-point-average (4.0 for her first two terms!). As a Commencement Marshal, Nicole had the opportunity to address the graduating class, her instructors, and her fellow classmates.

Nicole has been a student at Tongue Point since March of 2001, where she has completed the Dental Assisting Program. She has also just completed her third term at Clatsop Community College. She plans to attend the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, where she will enroll in the Dental Hygienist program.

A role model for her peers, Nicole has demonstrated determination and perseverance. Congratulations, Nicole, for your outstanding achievement at Tongue Point and at Clatsop Community College!

Nicole Mack

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Last but not least ... the outstanding ro group of parents that strived to make that evening special.

If we have failed to mention a contributor please accept our apologies and **THANKS!**

Walking the straight and narrow

7/31/02

A year ago, Shiela Rogers was working at a McDonald's in Huston, Texas. Now, Rogers, 19, has graduated with the equivalent to her high school diploma from Clatsop Community College.

Sheila has worked hard, resisting the urge to drop out of Job Corps and taking extra classes to get her General Educational Development certificate.

"I'm so proud of myself, too," Sheila said. "I finally did it ... I finally finished something."

When Shiela was 16, she slowly drifted away from school and then dropped all her classes.

"I was hanging out," Shiela said. "At that time it was real fun ... I got real sidetracked."

This September, she will earn her high school diploma from the college and her office technology certificate from Tongue Point Job Corps. She plans to enroll in Clatsop Community College and learn to be a secretary. She will be the first one in her family to graduate.

"I went from being a girl to being a grown woman," she said. "Before it was like what's gonna satisfy me just in that minute. Now I'm thinking, what's going to help me in the future. I don't want nothing to get in the way of my career."

Shiela Rogers

7/31/02

Tongue Point Job Corps Center faculty and staff have a tradition of recognizing outstanding work. The annual Celebrating Excellence awards are presented to staff chosen by their peers and supervisors for "going above and beyond the call of duty in their service to students, staff and the community." Each local winner receives a plaque and a $100 gift certificate. The local winners will be entered in the national Management and Training Corporation Celebrating Excellence contest. Corporate winners will receive a $500 cash award and a plaque.

This year, JAN MOGENSON-JONES was named Manager of the Year. Supervisor of the Year is STEPHANIE JONES. Group Life Staff Member of the Year is JOHN LEVY and Administrative Support Staff Member of the Year is SHARON WOLFE. CHARLIE HODGES was voted Instructor of the Year. PAT LUNDIN won the Educator of the Year award and NAOMI ULSTED was named Staff Member of the Year. Team of the Year honors went to the Center Information System Team of KATHY MCDONALD, REED MORTENSEN, JIM DAVIS, CAREY SCHOOP, CAROL PUTANSU-PULS and JAMES KABUSH.

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Columbia Memorial Radiology Department — They Care for our Students

7/3/02

Delores, Peggy and Diana from the Radiology Department at CMH really go the extra mile for our Medical Assisting students. Levi Kasper, Nate Sarquilla and Matt Castorena have all gone through their Work-Based Learning with these wonderful women. Each student has left their training with more self-confidence, hands-on experience, better understanding of teamwork and a sense of belonging. We thank them so much for their caring and genuine desire to help our students further their education.

Employees of the CMH Radiology Department

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Congratulates its Staff Members for June

7/10/02

Les Nash

Congratulations to Recreation Advisor Les Nash! Les is a man of exceptional integrity. He models a professional work ethic, and maintains a positive attitude amidst change. He does not allow students to do less than they are capable of, but challenges and encourages students to achieve the highest level possible for themselves. He adds wisdom and humor to Tongue Point. We are proud to acknowledge his many contributions.

Beth Liebig

Congratulations as well to GED Academic Instructor Beth Liebig. Beth has made a huge difference in our academic programs through her contributions to the high school program, and through creating a curriculum and a classroom learning atmosphere that all of Job Corps can be proud of. Her enthusiasm for working with nontraditional students provides perspective and inspiration to the Academic Programs team. She is creative, inquisitive, tough, kind, and above all, enthusiastic.

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Is Proud to Present the 2001 Celebrating Excellence Award to Déjà vu

7/17/02

Tongue Point is proud to present the 2001 Celebrating Excellence award to Déjà vu. The Celebrating Excellence award is presented to a community partner who has gone above and beyond in their relationship with Tongue Point.

Déjà vu has consistently been supportive of our students. From offering clothing vouchers on a regular basis, to donating bags of clothing to our "Boutique" on center, to helping our students out during clothing emergencies, Déjà vu has been a reliable partner. The employees at Déjà vu are always friendly with our students and staff. Congratulations Déjà vu!

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Honors Carramia Sellers!

7/24/02

Tongue Point is proud to announce Carramia Sellers as the 2001 MTC Scholar of the Year. The winner of this award must be a current or former Job Corps student who has been accepted or is enrolled in college, and has earned a GED or high school diploma while in Job Corps.

Ms. Sellers has consistently excelled in Job Corps and at Clatsop Community College, where she holds at 3.65 GPA. She has completed the Computer Operator vocation at Tongue Point, and will complete her Associates degree at Clatsop Community College this summer. She plans to attend Portland Community College to become a legal assistant.

Ms. Sellers has demonstrated commitment to her personal, professional, and educational development. She has an excellent work ethic and realizes she has a responsibility to make the world around her better. She celebrates diversity and has the ability to see the deeper and more meaningful elements of life, both for herself and others. Congratulations Carramia!

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Women in Tongue Point's seamanship program break into a male-dominated field

7/30/02

By JENNIFER COLLINS
The Daily Astorian

Lisa Close clings to a tugboat's railing. Her feet make tiny, impatient bounces.

"Wait. Wait a minute," instructor Patrick Albers directs from a window. Close stands almost taller than the tugboat's wheel house as it inches toward a pier.

"OK, go," Albers says, like a father permitting his daughter to go to a dance – permitting her to grow up.

Close spans the open air to the pier then scrambles over the wooden boards. Hand over hand, she hauls 6-inch-thick ropes to the bit, a post that secures the boat to the dock.

The 24-year-old woman will graduate from Astoria's Tongue Point Job Corps seamanship program Aug. 9. The first woman since 1997 to complete the program, Close is also one of the first women to participate in a graduation ceremony for Tongue Point's seamanship – the only seamanship program at a Job Corps center nationwide.

"I'm trying to break all the rules, here," she says.

Close is one of three women in the program of 53 people. In the last three years, 108 students enrolled to learn to be a deckhand or engine room worker and 65 completed it. Only one of those was a woman.

Seamanship is one of 17 vocations offered at Tongue Point, which is supported by the Department of Labor and operated by Management & Training Corp.

Close joined Job Corps because she "was tired of getting into trouble." She dropped out of high school and never went back for a diploma until she joined Job Corps in May 2000. When she first attended the center, she trained in a business-related vocation, but she soon felt the allure of river – a short walk from the student dormitories.

As the only woman onboard, she worked out heavily in the beginning to improve her strength in the physically demanding job. At times, teasing and challenges from crew mates caused her to question her skill.

"Can you really do this or is it gonna break you down?" she remembers asking herself. "And it never broke me down ... I knew I could do it regardless of what they said. Then I realized they do that to each other."

Close is becoming part of the group.

ABOVE: Andrew Kaawa, 22, practices handling line, as fellow students in the seamanship vocation offered through the Tongue Point Job Corps Center practice rope tying on the tug.

LEFT: Jeremiah Williams, 21, and Joshua Walker, 25, practice bowline knots on a recent river trip.

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Carharts and steel toes

On one trip down the Columbia River, the weather is almost balmy as the tug cruises past the mooring basins and riverfront piers in Astoria. Several crew members are lounging on the tug's bow.

Although she sits with her male crew mates and frequently jokes with them, Close sits facing the water, pensively. She sports Carhart pants and steel-toed boots and hunches over a piece of rope, practicing splicing methods and tying knots.

Columbia River Bar Pilot Deborah Dempsey says women have to give up some of their feminine qualities in the male-dominated field.

"It's lonely to be the only woman on the

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Job Corps: Women who complete seamanship programs are snapped up by employers

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ship," Dempsey says. "It must have been lonely for Lisa ... You're often expected to be one of the boys."

Close says growing up with six brothers aided her inclusion into the group.

"The guys look at me as being one of them," she says.

After two years in the program, she passed a test for an Able Bodied Seaman certificate, which will certify her skills as a deck hand. She has also earned her General Educational Development certificate and high school diploma. She says she can't wait to apply for a job with the Military Sealift Command, which transports items for the department of defense.

"I don't always have to be on land," she says, with anticipation. It's freedom in a way.

Students in the seamanship program can also learn engineering and test for Qualified Member of the Engine Department. Olivia Reselap 19, joined Tongue Point five months ago and says she would like to train for both certificates. She would like to be a captain on a deep sea ship some day.

Reselap says although she was a little intimidated in the beginning, she views the male students as big brothers.

Kachele Meyer, 19, would like to work on deep sea ships as well. She joined Job Corps to escape life in the small town of Hall Ce, Wash., about 40 miles east of Seattle.

"I like to do hard labor," she says. "It's about the only thing I'm good at."

Seamanship student Derek Zirkle, 21, says during his two years in the program, he noticed the women worked just as hard as their male crew mates.

"At first, they do have trouble with manual labor," he says. "In general, they do a really good job."

Albers says because of their limited strength, women find creative ways to do the same job.

"A guy might throw his back out to be macho," he says.

But a former female student used leverage and momentum to "toss oars with the rest of the guys," he says.

Because she's smaller, 5-foot-5-inch Close says she can "cram in a little hole" that a guy couldn't squeeze into. Reselap says her small hands allow her to do work men can't do.

"I've really got the painting down," says the 5-foot-2-inch woman.

However, Albers says that small men confront the same handicaps women do.

"You're all sailors," he advises the students. "You're not a boy sailor or a girl sailor. You're a sailor."

Being a sailor

When students complete the 2-year Tongue Point program, they usually have more than 200 days at sea and 2,000 hours of instruction, he says. Instructors take the ships out once or twice per week and for week-long trips a few times per year. Students often work as paid interns aboard ships, cleaning up oil or hazardous waste spills.

While classroom work is valuable, Albers says many concepts can't be taught on a blackboard.

"There's nothing like taking them out on the ship and showing them what it really is," he says.

Although Tongue Point instructors teach the basic materials, students learn much more out on the sea and often attend community college or university classes as they develop in their careers.

Initially, 95 percent of seamanship graduates find jobs, which often pay $15 per hour and frequently much more, Albers says.

"If an individual wants a job, I can pretty much guarantee them one," he says.

Inlandboatmen's Union secretary and treasurer Terri Mast says industry-wide hiring reductions decades ago caused about 50 percent of current workers to be 45 years or older. Mast says about one-third of her union members are women, but she says other industry jobs have fewer women, like aboard deep-sea shipping vessels.

"We are facing a real skills shortage in our industry," Mast says.

Learning the knots

Tongue Point seamanship students must be 17- to 24 years old to enroll. People can also study for the Able Bodied Seaman certificates at community colleges or universities throughout the country, including Clatsop Community College's Maritime and Environmental Research and Training Station, Inc. Tongue Point partners with MERTS in basic safety training, said MERTS instructor Bill Antilla.

At MERTS, students can also train to be ordinary deck hands, but they find jobs easier and often earn better salaries if they earn their Able Bodied Seaman certificates, Antilla said.

Mar Vista High School's maritime program in San Diego has attracted about two boys for every girl, counselor Liz Melendez says. The program provides training similar to Tongue Point's and is one of the first high school seamanship programs in the United States, she says. Students can become certified as a deck hand or an engine room worker.

Women who complete seamanship programs are snapped up almost immediately, Dempsey says. Companies often hire women to diversify their workforce, but women have to work harder to prove themselves, she says.

"Everything you do is noticed," she says. "Everything you don't do is noticed."

Of some 1,000 water pilots in the country, there are about 12 women, she says. Often women are an "oddity in the group."

Dempsey graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in the 1970s and became a Columbia River bar pilot eight years ago.

Recently she boarded a ship to guide it through the bar as a pilot.

"The captain looked at me and said, 'You're a woman,' " she recalled. That was the only thing he said to me.

Women often sacrifice a family life due to extended tours at sea, Dempsey says. Although Close says she might like to have a family someday, she's not worried.

"I'm not gonna give this up to have a family," she says. "If it comes between what I'm doing, I'm not gonna leave this."

For more information about Tongue Point Job Corps, call 325-2141.

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Instructor Pat Albers helps Christopher Yockman, a 22-year-old who has been in the seamanship vocation for nine months, navigate the channel.

Tongue Point Job Corps — COMMUNITY CORNER

Welcome Aboard Warrenton School District!

7/31/02

Tongue Point Job Corps Center is proud to welcome the Warrenton School District as the newest addition to their work-based learning team. Landscaping students learn hands-on what it takes to be successful in their chosen field.

Blain Vernon, Director of Maintenance and Peter Crisp, Site Supervisor mentor our students with specific job skills and also teach them the value of teamwork.

Thank you Warrenton School District. We value your partnership!

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Teens make groovin' connection

With the help of Regatta officials and the Connections program, teens organize dance in Astoria this Saturday night

By JENNIFER COLLINS
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[illegible] everyone in a

[illegible] couple starts dancing and when the [illegible] split up, each finds partners [illegible] and the dance [illegible] hence the name [illegible] explained Kari Patching [illegible] Astoria. [illegible] used to do it a lot at middle school dances [illegible] Bergerson added.

Bergerson, Patching, four other teens and a few adults met to put the final plans together for the dance, which will be the first of many [illegible]

[illegible] have been working with Ron [illegible], Elizabeth Hakala, Karl Engel and [illegible] Holmstedt of the Astoria Connections [illegible] is a three-year grant designed [illegible] youth to their community. The Asto[illegible] has also joined the [illegible]

[illegible] excited about this Connections [illegible] students to finally have [illegible] some positive choices," Regatta Vice President Nancy Kennell said.

They met Tuesday to discuss music, refreshments and decorations. The group has hired pro[illegible] refreshments [illegible] a surprise.

[illegible] and Shannon Gribbin, [illegible] are part of the Regatta crew, and this year Patching plans to take on the dances as part of her senior project for Astoria High School.

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Local teens, Sara Bergerson, Epi Aumavae, Olivia Reselap, Kari Patching, Michele Purcell and Shannon Gribbin, prepare for a teen dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m Saturday at the Masonic Temple in Astoria.

"I was thinking of getting something for youth that wasn't negative," Patching said.

Often adults see Clatsop County teens as only interested [illegible] activities, she said, but she wants [illegible] change that.

Kennell said her son Dan will also be working on activities for teenagers as part of his senior project concerning at-risk youth.

Three teens from Tongue Point Job Corps Center also attended the planning session and plan to encourage Job Corps students to attend.

"If we get a (few) people together, I think more will come," Olivia Reselap, 19, said. "I think they'll come because it's an off-Center thing."

Job Corps students usually congregate for free weekend dances at the center, where Reselap is vice president of the dormitory council.

In the late 1980s, teen dances were usual activities at Seaside's Youth Center and helped cover costs when it started, said Mary Blake, general manager of the Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation District.

"It was very popular because the kids got involved with it," Blake said, adding she plans to be involved in the countywide dances. "There really needs to be a pooling of everybody's effort, including kids."

The Teen Dance will take place 8 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple at 1563 Franklin Ave. in Astoria. Clatsop County people ages 14 to 19 are encouraged to attend and admission is $5.

8/2/02

Two Tongue Point Job Corps Center students attended the National Job Corps Alpha Conference in Washington, D.C., July 22 through 26. The Alpha Conference is an annual event celebrating Job Corps' community and employer partners, said Business and Community Liaison NAOMI ULSTED. Office technology student LOVEADA STAMME and seamanship student STEVE VAN HORN accompanied Center Director NANCY PYBURN and Student Activities Coordinator AMANDA REYNOLDS to the conference and meet with members of Congress.

Stamme and Van Horn attended a seminar, "Partners in Leadership," which focused on developing leadership and organizational skills in students. "I was so lucky to be able to be in a room with so many articulate individuals," commented Stamme.

She also noted that their visit to the Capitol was particularly interesting and powerful. Former Sen. James Traficant was just voted out of the Senate, and since it was the first time since 1845 that anything like that had happened, she found it very interesting to be in Washington at that time. Being there, she said, "is not like watching it on television or reading about it in the news."

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Help stuff backpacks

The North Coast Community and Schools is looking for volunteers to help stuff backpacks from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Warrenton Bus Barn, 1700 S. Main Ave.

The 1,300 backpacks will be available to every Clatsop County child from kindergarten to third grade, program director Karna Cupples said. Costco Wholesale donates several thousand dollars worth of backpacks and school supplies, including pencils, pens, paper, glue sticks and rulers, among other things, Cupples said.

About 20 Tongue Point Job Corps students will aid in the backpack stuffing along with the 10-person North Coast Community and Schools Board. The program has been giving backpacks to school children since 1994, she said.

Cupples said the nonprofit organization is also looking for volunteers to meet with elementary school students for lunch in the county. Some 37 people commit to meet with a student once a week during the year, Cupples said. People can also donate money to pay for the volunteer's lunches. Volunteers must undergo a criminal history check, she said.

People interested in volunteering can call Cupples at 717-9171.

Tongue Point Job Corps — COMMUNITY CORNER

8/21/02

Tongue Point Job Corps Center Likes What It "Sees!"

Astoria Vision Center gives Office Technology student Julie Ramsey the opportunity to join its busy office. Julie is doing her work-based learning for six weeks under the supervision of office manager Eva Vecsernyes. Eva offers our students the chance to perform a variety of office duties enabling them to practice the skills they have acquired in their vocation.

Julie Ramsey

Thank you Eva Vecsernyes and Dr. Steven Scruggs for giving our office technology students such a wonderful learning opportunity!

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From left: Alex Navarrete, Home Builders Institute Regional Placement Coordinator; Jesse Constancio, HBI Regional Program Manager; Joyce Capehart with her award, and Fred Humphreys, HBI president and CEO.

Capehart goes the extra mile, wins regional award

Joyce Capehart, electrician instructor with Home Builders Institute at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, was presented with one of HBI's six "Extra Mile Awards" for 2002 at the institute's annual Instructor Training Conference in Miami, Fla., last month.

The awards were presented to one outstanding instructor in each of the six Job Corps regions around the country. Capehart took home the award for the region encompassing 16 Job Corps campuses in Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Arizona, Hawaii, California, Nevada and Oregon.

Presenters said Capehart received the award due to her strong working relationship with students, colleagues and members of the industry and local community, her creativity and innovation in facilitating student learning, her consistent work to positive outcomes regardless of obstacles, and her involvement in community service.

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9/4/02

North Coast Community in Schools and Tongue Point Volunteer Together

Elementary school kids going back to school in Clatsop County will have a new backpack full of brand new school supplies, thanks to North Coast Community in Schools and Costco Wholesale.

Twenty-six Tongue Point students worked with volunteers from NCCiS to fill over 1,300 backpacks with pencils, notebooks, paper, rulers, tissues, and all sorts of things that a young child might need in school. Costco Wholesale donated all backpacks and supplies.

This was the fifth year that Tongue Point students helped NCCiS with the project, which has been coordinated by NCCiS since 1994. According to Karna Cupples, executive president of NCCiS, "We couldn't do it without Tongue Point."

Sara Nazari and other Tongue Point students

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Tongue Point Job Corps

Together it Works!

Brandy Rieske, Manager of Lazerquick, and employee Bud Goodell work side-by-side with Tongue Point Job Corps Graphic Communications student Jessica Voight. Jessica is in the Work-Based Learning portion of her training at TPJCC and is putting her skills to the test at Lazerquick in Astoria.

Brandy and her staff do a fantastic job teaching Jessica about their business, and allowing her to gain skills in the work world. Thank you, Lazerquick, for joining our team. We appreciate all you do for our students!

Tongue Point student Jessica Voight

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Important award

Thank you for the excellent coverage of the recent Gimre awards ceremony held at Tongue Point Job Corps Center ("Job Corps honors helpers," Sept. 20).

The Gimre awards were established in 1998 to recognize individuals, organizations and businesses who have contributed significantly to the success of Tongue Point Job Corps and its students. The annual awards were named in honor of Kermit Gimre, who was a member of the center's Community Relations Council for more than 30 years, during which time he strongly supported linkages between the center and the community.

Honored guests at the luncheon ceremony included Kermit's wife, Lorraine Gimre, and their sons, Peter and Jon.

One of my foremost goals as director of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center is to encourage and facilitate expanded partnerships with the community. We appreciate the opportunity to celebrate community linkages and to recognize those individuals and organizations who provided outstanding support to the success of our students in the past year.

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NANCY PYBURN
center director
Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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Job Corps honors helpers

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By JENNIFER COLLINS
The Daily Astorian

Tongue Point Job Corps lauded locals with awards for involvement at an awards luncheon Wednesday. Through internships and education, local experts have aided prospective clowns, electricians, college graduates and seafood chefs.

Among them, Rilea Armed Forces Training Center electrician Danny Capehart accepted an award for his work supervising Tongue Point students in community service electrical projects.

Capehart works so frequently with Tongue Point students, Center Director Nancy Pyburn, he "feels like family."

A few years ago, Capehart supervised students who installed five miles of wire at Camp Rilea. "We probably save the state thousands of dollars," he said.

He estimated it would have cost $70,000 to pay for the labor. His wife Joyce Capehart, electrical instructor at the center, often takes her students to Camp Rilea in Warrenton to learn about electrical work.

Camp Rilea facility manager Ken Klee said he's delighted Capehart is recognized for his work because, "it's a thankless job being a state employee."

"He's an outstanding employee," Klee said. "If somebody would let me clone someone, it would be him."

Sgt. Tom Bergin accepted an award on behalf of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's office works with Tongue Point staff if problems arise with students, Pyburn said.

Bergin, administrator and supervisor of the Clatsop County Interagency Narcotic Taskforce, taught staff to identify symptoms of drug abuse and approach addiction problems, said Naomi Ulsted, Tongue Point's community liaison. Bergin also helped train Tongue Point students about drug abuse and ways to stay drug-free, Pyburn said.

"Ten years ago, you would come out here and be just like, 'Ahh, not Tongue Point,'" Bergin said, grabbing his head to demonstrate the headache. "The last five, six years, with the students and the staff, it's just a great place and a great community."

Ken Bryan, general manager of Astoria Red Lion also earned an award for the hotel's frequent placements of Tongue Point students who need to complete a short-term internship called "work-based learning." Bryan said students have studied with accountants, clerical employees, culinary employees, secretaries and facilities maintenance employees. Bryan said the hotel recently hired a Tongue Point graduate as a full-time facilities maintenance worker.

Astoria Sunday Market manager Joyce Compere accepted an award for providing an opportunity for Tongue Point's clown club to perform at the market.

"This really belongs to them," Compere said. "The kids come on their own time to do face painting and they give the money back to the community. I am so proud of them."

Once a month, the clowns make balloon animals and paint faces for donations, said Ulsted, who also organizes the clown club. The student donate the money to charities including Victory Over Child Abuse, Court Appointed Special Advocates and Astoria Children's Museum. The clowns will visit the market for the last time Sept. 29, Ulsted said.

Eric Jenkins, chef of Duncan Law Seafood Consumer Center Seafood School, accepted an award for his work as a guest instructor for culinary students. He's aided culinary students on several occasions. This week, Jenkins will teach 12 Tongue Point students about salmon preparation at the seafood school, Ulsted said.

Charlotte DeWitt, Plus Program coordinator for Clatsop Community College, was recognized for the program's help organizing support for Tongue Point students who attend the college. Joanie Sawyer, accepted the award on DeWitt's behalf.

This year 44 students will attend the college through the advanced career training program, Pyburn said. Plus program staff assist and estimated 20 to 25 Tongue Point students with financial aid, transfer arrangements, counseling and scholarships, Plus Program employee Estelle Seeley said.

"It's because of this Plus program that our students have been able to do that, and we are so pleased with the Plus program," Pyburn said.

Debbie Breitmeyer was recognized for her work coordinating nursing assistant student at Neawanna by the Sea, the Seaside assisted living center, where students report feeling comfortable learning about their field, Ulsted said.

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Speaker talks on integration of education and industry

Robert Dryden, vice-chancellor of computer science and engineering for the Oregon University System, will speak about integrating education and industry at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center. The speech is open to the public and admission is free.

Dryden teaches mechanical engineering at Portland State University. The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Business-Education Committee helped bring Dryden to Tongue Point for his speech. "What Engineering Education Means to Main Street, Oregon."

Dryden plans to discuss education for students in the high-tech industry particularly in the Astoria-Warrenton area.

Astoria-Warrenton Business-Education Committee facilitates partnerships between industry and education through teacher internships in businesses, job shadows, work-based learning for students and teaching opportunities for business representatives. For more information about the presentation or the Business-Education Committee, please call Naomi Ulsted at 325-2131, ext. 170.

R.E.A.L.: Mentally disabled people sometimes languish in an inactive, unhappy lifestyle

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Problems for the mentally disabled intensify when society pushes down self-esteem and confidence, Sheahan says. Capable people sometimes languish in an inactive lifestyle.

Sheahan has a cousin with a learning disability, and he has learned that people with autism may be highly functioning with normal intelligence, but might have trouble with numerical sequencing, for example.

He and Elfering sought a way to counteract some of the challenges faced by people with mental disabilities through appropriate activity where work is needed, work where the participants are motivated, work often coinciding with efforts to restore river bank habitat for threatened salmon or other enhancement projects.

The key for participants is in the meaning of the work, Elfering says.

"They need things to do, a purpose for being, like we all do," he says. "What better than the restoration of the rivers?"

If properly managed and coordinated, such a program also can provide educational opportunities, Sheahan says.

The participants can learn skills and might build specialized knowledge about plant species, for example. Someone could become an expert in the cultivation of twinberry in Clatsop County, for example – a resource that do not yet exist.

Those who want to participate and are qualified benefit from physical exercise and learn social skills of working in teams, eventually conveying their knowledge to others, Sheahan says. Their confidence rises.

Doug Ray, a natural resources consultant and project manager for Clatsop County's association of watersheds, has helped to guide the work of the R.E.A.L. crews and contributes to lessons that filter into the work, helping the participants to identify different plant species and understand elements of the ecology.

People accustomed to being served by the community now have a way to serve the community, Ray says. He describes the purposeful pursuit is "a partnership of people and nature."

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Larry Lemay tosses some of the blackberry vines he has been cutting onto a growing heap. The cleared area, which overlooks the river, will become a viewing deck.

Before the groups begin work, they have a lesson in biology or ecology, Elfering adds. "It's incredible how hungry these people are for information."

Sheahan has coordinated at least seven or eight "trial runs" in Clatsop County a volunteer basis, from tree planting near Circle Creek Campground south of Seaside to work at a fish hatchery in Clatskanie. Elfering screens, transports and oversees the safety of the crews.

As planned, a typical crew will have up to 12 people and supervisors consisting of their coordinator and an environmental specialist.

Striving steps

Long-term monitoring is an important aspect of restoration and enhancement projects that also needs human resources, Sheahan says. The R.E.A.L. program could help fill the gap, with participants periodically returning to the sites to keep an eye on the effectiveness of their efforts and testing different growth control methods, such as pruning techniques and the moderate application of lime juice, salt and other natural materials.

"It's not just a one-time thing, like planting a tree and saying goodbye," Sheahan says.

After the volunteer trials, the R.E.A.L. crew for the natural history park clearing project this month was paid through the Soil and Water Conservation District serving Clatsop County, which had secured a grant from the nonprofit National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The district is a nonregulatory body that works with landowners to offer technical advice about soil conservation and water quality improvements.

Dave Ambrose, a watershed specialist for the district, said the grant was part of a variety of efforts to deal with noxious weeds. Other projects, including tree planting efforts, will come early next year. "We'll certainly be using the R.E.A.L. group again," he said.

Support and interest has stemmed from a variety of other sources, Sheahan says. A few examples among them:

• The Tongue Point Job Corps Center provided assistance. As its students move on to landscaping projects in the future, contact with hard-working people in the R.E.A.L. program builds a greater willingness to work with and hire people who have mental disabilities.

• The Salmon Trout Enhancement Program, or S.T.E.P., provided hand tools, hardhats and other gear through an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife grant.

• Legislators, such as Sen. Joan Dukes, D-Stayton, have expressed interest in the R.E.A.L. program. In addition to the social benefits of providing work for the participants, there is a potential for cost savings by reducing pressure on the Ore-

Support for disabilities, autism available

The R.E.A.L. program is seen as one component of a system of support for people with mental disabilities.

Autism is one such disability.

Autism is a neurologically based developmental disorder. Research indicates it is more common than previously thought, a range of 10 to 15 children for every 10,000 people is a commonly accepted "rule of thumb" estimate, according to a New York State Department of Health site.

Autism is complex to diagnose.

Children with autism have certain aggressive behaviors that are symptoms, but they do not choose to be unruly, researchers add. Among possible reasons are confusion because of language deficits, sensory sensitivities, high anxiety and low tolerance for change.

Information about education, support, and advocacy for people dealing with mental health issues and their families in Clatsop County is available at www.namioregon.org through the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oregon.

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• Private landowners who see a benefit from conservation projects may have opportunities through a incentive programs when before they could not acquire the needed labor force.

"The R.E.A.L. crew is a catalyst to make some of these diverse programs come together," Sheahan says. That approach can save taxpayer dollars, he adds.

He acknowledges some logistical challenges continue to be resolved, such as transportation to and from sites in Clatsop County, private donations have helped Elfering.

But Sheahan and other organizers are optimistic.

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"As a Knappa High School graduate, having Clatsop Community College so close saved me almost $20,000 off my tuition towards my Bachelor's degree. CCC reaches other people in my community besides my fellow classmates; there is something for everyone, old or young. Better facilities will draw even more people to find their careers or the many other services offered. Please vote yes on 4-88."

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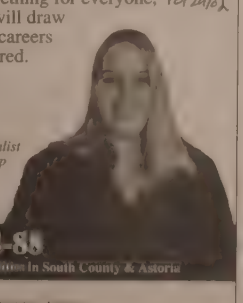
Katie Oien
Bachelor's Degree, OSU
Career Transition Specialist
at Tongue Point Job Corp



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Runner sleeps in, goes the extra distance

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Most participants in the recent Great Columbia Crossing race took some time before they left the finish line to warm up a little.

But few probably had the same warm-up as 19-year-old Tongue Point Job Corps student Tariku Cherkos who missed his bus the morning of the race and ran from Tongue Point to the port, just in time to make the last shuttle over the bridge for the race.

Following his 25-minute run just to get to the race Oct. 13, Cherkos still finished seventh overall and took third-place in his age group.

"I set my alarm clock for 5:30 a.m.," Cherkos said. "I just didn't hear it."

Because he didn't wake up until 6:45, Cherkos missed the corps' bus that was taking a group of 14 people to the race. The Ethiopian native said he ran to the front gate of the facility where a guard told him a city bus would be by at 7 a.m., but after 15 minutes of waiting and no bus, Cherkos made a quick decision.

"I just decided to start running and went to town," he said.

After getting to town in little less than half an hour, Cherkos entered the race and then proceeded to run across the 4.1-mile span of the bridge at a top pace.

Tongue Point recreation supervisor, Susan Sassano, said she was impressed by Cherkos' effort.

"It was very inspiration and very admirable of him," she said.

Sassano said Cherkos is a regular in the recreational room where his outgoing personality and friendly nature have made him well-known.

A student at Tongue Point for three months, Cherkos has lived in the United States for 10 months after coming here on a long-term exchange program. He said a friend had been studying at Tongue Point and told him about the place and he decided he would give it a try.

Despite the food he said he misses his native Ethiopian fare, Cherkos said he has enjoyed being at Tongue Point and hopes to enroll soon in Clatsop Community College to pursue an education in medicine. Eventually, Cherkos said he wants to be a pediatrician in the Seattle area.

One other thing slightly bothers Cherkos though. "It's very cold here," he said.

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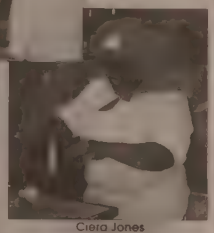
Students participate in a seafood master class

Seven culinary arts students from Tongue Point Job Corps Center enjoyed a seafood master class from Eric Jenkins at the Duncan Law Seafood Center on September 20th. The students assisted Chef Jenkins in the preparation of a variety of seafood dishes.

Ciera Jones, Tiarra Farmer, Vern Hart, Jr. and Lucia Dubancowicz overcame their squeamishness in order to prepare the squid. Adam Pearson successfully skinned and filleted salmon while Jesse Colinger prepared the cucumber-garlic sauce. Danielle Robertson chopped onions and practiced on a second side of salmon.

Thank you to Dielman's Northwest River Guides for donating the salmon; Ocean Beauty Seafoods for the calamari; and the Duncan Law Seafood Center for the albacore tuna. A huge thank-you to Eric Jenkins for his time and generosity. You gave inspiration and priceless memory to each student.

Chef Eric Jenkins and Tongue Point students



Ciera Jones

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Tongue Point Job Corps celebrates our partnership with Clatsop Community College

- Fifty of our students study full-time at Clatsop Community College.
- Our seamanship students take firefighting classes at MERTS, and students from several other vocational training areas are enrolled in safety classes at that facility.
- The PLUS Program assists our students transfer from Clatsop Community College to four-year colleges and universities throughout the Northwest.

Many of our highly competent staff are graduates of Clatsop Community College or affiliated programs such as Linfield.

We share advisory boards for vocational training programs as well as maintain articulation agreements in several areas.

We are excited about future dreams and shared results.

A sound community college is essential to our success and the success of our community.

Tongue Point student Shauna Chambers is studying criminal justice at Clatsop Community College. She intends to continue her education to earn her paralegal certification.

Jesse Hatfield is studying Computer Information Science at Clatsop Community College. Jesse feels this education will be a good basis for a future in computer science.

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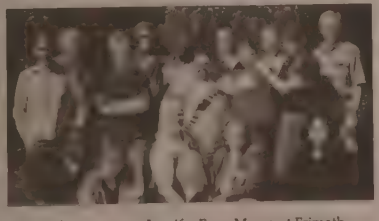
Tongue Point participates in VOCA (Victory Over Child Abuse) Camp 2002

During September, 16 students and staff members from Tongue Point Job Corps Center joined community members to volunteer at the VOCA (Victory Over Child Abuse) camps, held in Warrenton. The Healing Circle coordinates the annual camp for sexually abused children between the ages of 5 and 18. Students and staff joined other members of the community as Camp Buddies.

Tongue Point students Bol Arol, Sarah Edstrom, Daniel Fenn, Crystal Fritz, William Maxie, Marisol Molina, Anna Patzer, Timothy Rawls, Christina Simpson, Jon Strum and staff members Jennifer Berg, Margaret Frimoth, Doug Harrod, Magdalena Montes, Joseph Stevenson and Norma Verley all attended as Camp Buddies.

VOCA camps provide an opportunity for Tongue Point Job Corps students and staff to volunteer with others in the community to make a difference with local children.



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Tongue Point Job Corps Center's Work-Based Learning Program

TPJCC offers training in the following vocations:

- *Medical Assisting*
- *Nursing Assistant*
- *Dental Assistant*
- *Welding*
- *Facilities Maintenance*
- *Electrical*
- *Glazing*
- *Seamanship*
- *Cement Masonry*
- *Office Technology*
- *Accounting*
- *Computer Service Tech*
- *Landscaping*
- *Culinary Arts*
- *Carpentry*
- *Painting*
- *Plastering*
- *Graphic Communications*

As part of the vocational training program, students receive "hands-on" training in their chosen field. The following local businesses partner with TPJCC to promote a learning environment for our students while they are working:

Columbia Memorial Hospital
Providence Seaside Hospital
Dr. Jue
Astoria Vision Center
Astor Elementary
Warrenton School District #30
Wadsworth Electric
Complitrics
Seaside Dental Care
The Red Lion
The Breakers
Jarvis & Redwine, CPA
Seaside Police Dept.
Clatsop Bridges Care Center
Neawanna By The Sea
Suzanne Elsie
Necanicum Village
Astor House
Lazerquick
Dr. Nancy Ray, Podiatrist
USCG
Clatsop Community College
Clatsop County Works
The Connections Program

If you would like to learn more about Tongue Point Job Corps and the Work-Based Learning program, please call Janice Hawks/Work-Based Learning Specialist at 325-2131, ext. 249. You can become a valued partner of TPJCC!

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Job Corps' Kids' Day will benefit Pioneer House

Tongue Point Job Corps Center will host a "Kids' Day" benefit for the Pioneer House from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Tongue Point theater, just inside the front gates.

Children, with their families, can make masks and mini totem poles, play bingo and other games, have their faces painted and even have their photos taken with the Tongue Point Clowns. Entertainment will include Hispanic dancing and a workshop, Chinese Lion Dancing, Russian flower crafts and Ethiopian dancing.

"Kids' Day" is a benefit for the Pioneer House, in honor of Make A Difference Day. Each year, on the fourth Saturday of the month, millions of people across the country participate in community service projects, and millions of lives are changed for the better. Make A Difference Day is sponsored by USA Weekend magazine and The Points of Light Foundation. This is the 12th year for Make A Difference Day, and the fourth year that the Job Corps has been a national partner.

Admission is $3 per person, or a donation to the Pioneer House. All clothing and toys must be clean and in good shape. Other donations can include kitchen supplies, household items, new toiletries, food and office supplies.

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12/14/02

Tongue Point Honors November Staff Members of the Month

Sandi McGrath, R.N.

Congratulations to Sandi McGrath, R.N.! Sandi is dedicated, professional, and hardworking. She meets the needs of students and staff in a timely and gracious manner, and looks for innovative ways to improve customer service. She always has a smile, even during times of stress. She is a calming force in her department.

Sherrie Scott,
Recreation Advisor

Congratulations as well to Recreation Advisor Sherrie Scott. During the past seven years, she has served Tongue Point in many roles: Residential Advisor, Student Activities Coordinator, and Recreation Advisor. Her multi-tasking abilities have made her a great asset to the Center. Her last day at Tongue Point was December 2nd. We thank her for her many years of service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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Tongue Point Job Corps recognizes Sue Patin as September's "Unsung Hero"

Tongue Point is proud to recognize Safety Officer Sue Patin as September's "Unsung Hero." Tongue Point's "Unsung Heroes" do their jobs efficiently, effectively, quietly and consistently.

Sue's persistence and tenacity keep us on our toes. She offers constant reminders to work safely, and has been instrumental in making Tongue Point a safer and more secure place for staff and students.

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Honors Staff Members for Sept.

Tommy Norlin,
Transportation

Congratulations to Transportation Department employee, Tommy Norlin! Tommy has an excellent safety record and enjoys a good professional relationship with the students and staff. He is consistently cheerful and even-tempered. We value his representation of Tongue Point Job Corps Center to our local community, and he is a superb role model to our students and staff.

Elissa Deibert,
Residential

Congratulations also to Residential Advisor Elissa Deibert! Elissa is consistently willing to accept any challenge we send her way, whether helping to design a new leadership program, or acting as a supervisor for extended periods of time. She always has a smile on her face, and tries to come up with the best possible solutions to solve students' problems.

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is proud to recognize Troy Hansen, as August's "Unsung Hero"

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Tongue Point is proud to recognize dining hall staff member, Troy Hansen, as August's "Unsung Hero." Tongue Point's "Unsung Heroes" do their jobs efficiently, effectively, quietly and consistently. They are the backbone of our organization.

Troy has shown himself to be an excellent role model for our students. He is professional, kind, trustworthy, and full of integrity. His quiet demeanor makes students feel comfortable around him, and he is able to help them make constructive choices. Thanks, Troy.

Tongue Point also thanks all of the "Unsung Heroes" that have helped our country heal from the attacks a year ago. From firemen to struggling businesses to the many people who have donated their time and energy to our country's ongoing recovery, we honor all of this year's Unsung Heroes.

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Honors Staff Members for August

Jan Schultz,
Welding Instructor

Congratulations to welding instructor Jan Schultz! Jan works diligently every day to create a positive and harmonious workplace for students and staff. His excellent teaching skills and leadership abilities contribute to the success of our students. His sense of humor makes our workplace even more enjoyable. Having perfect attendance and never complaining are two of his many attributes, but it is his positive attitude that makes him stand out as a valued employee and an asset to his department.

McLaren Innes,
Accounting Manager

Congratulations also to accounting manager, McLaren Innes. McLaren has worked at Tongue Point for over 16 years and has been an asset to the Center in a number of ways. She is always willing to take on outside projects and responsibilities for the betterment of both staff and students. Some examples include chairing the Center's United Way drive, helping students complete their tax returns, and overseeing the Center's recycling program. McLaren is a professional and positive role model for our students, and a valuable asset to Tongue Point.

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Congratulates its July Staff Members of the Month

Lorna Hakanson,
Maintenance Department

Tongue Point is pleased to acknowledge Lorna Hakanson. Her customer service is top notch, She always puts staff and students first.

Lorna is willing to accept new responsibilities and believes in being a volunteer. Her organization and clerical support keep her department working efficiently. She gives her best effort on every project and is willing to share her knowledge and expertise. Thank you, Lorna!

Stephanie Hall,
Career Transition Services Department

Stephanie's duties encompass helping former Tongue Point students find employment.

She is always patient, persistent, and flexible. Her co-workers describe her as enthusiastic and resourceful. Stephanie's persistence has assisted a multitude of former students from the Center in finding jobs and the transition to the world of work. Congratulations, Stephanie!

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Naomi Ulsted
Student Government
Tongue Point Job Corps
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Dear Naomi:

We can't begin to thank you for the $500.00 grant you made to KMUN on behalf of the Tongue Point Job Corps Student Government. Our recent membership drive was the most successful summer drive in the 19-year history of the station, due, in large part, to the generous challenge grants offered by Tongue Point Job Corps and other major donors. These matching grants served as a tremendous incentive to our listeners to step up to the plate and see their dollars go twice as far.

KMUN is true community radio and offers a unique source of entertainment, information, opinion, arts and culture to listeners throughout the Greater Lower Columbia-Pacific region. Your contribution will go far in support of KMUN's Campaign for the Future, an effort to ensure the long-term success of the station and help us better serve the communities of the North Coast.

I am enclosing a copy of the thank-you ad we ran in the *Daily Astorian* following the membership drive. In addition, we will be saying thank you to the Tongue Point Job Corps Student Government via on-air underwriting announcements, our bi-monthly newsletter and on our Website (www.kmun.org).

On behalf of our many listeners, KMUN's volunteers, Board and staff, thank you for your generous support.

Warm regards,

Lisa C. Smith
Station Manager

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11/6/02

Tongue Point Honors October Staff Members of the Month

Karen Jeppeson,
Dining hall staff member

Congratulations to Karen Jeppeson. Karen has a calm demeanor and communicates positively with students and staff. She works well with supervisors, offering valuable suggestions to improve her department. She is an excellent role model, and her presence has had a significant impact on both staff and students. She probably is best known for her unlimited pudding recipes, earning her the nickname of "Pudding Guru." Way to go, Karen!

Jennifer Berg,
Counselor

Tongue Point is also proud to honor Jennifer Berg. Jennifer has used her extensive knowledge, experience, patience and determination to aid many students with the task of committing to Tongue Point. She is always upbeat and easy to work with, and treats both staff and students with respect. She makes students feel supported, while holding them accountable. Jennifer recently coordinated student and staff volunteer opportunities with V.O.C.A. Camp (Victory Over Child Abuse), a commitment that required her to devote a substantial amount of her personal time. Thanks, Jennifer, for all that you do.

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Congratulations to Tongue Point's November 2002 Graduation Class!

ACCOUNTING
Anjelica Martinez, GED, HSD
Brianna Warriner, GED, HSD
Mitchell Warriner, GED, HSD
Jeanie Wilson, GED

CARPENTRY
Michael Allee, HSD
Robert Perry

CEMENT MASONRY
*Jonathon Sturm

COMPUTER SERVICE TECHNICIAN
*Jacob Carpenter, GED, HSD
Lonnie Fieguth, HSD
*Samantha Williams, HSD

CULINARY ARTS
Taira Farmer, GED

DENTAL ASSISTING
*Tatyana Belotel, HSD
*Melissa Burch, GED, HSD
*Inna Ivashin, HSD
*Maria Kuzmina, HSD
*Sara Puente, HSD

ELECTRICAL
Kristopher Derby, GED
Erik Jacobsen

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
Phillip Hearn, HSD
Gwenevere Smith

Thank you for your support of our students! It means the world to them.

GLAZING
Kristopher Kuskie, HSD

LANDSCAPING
Amy Barber, HSD
*Patrick Engman, HSD
*Daniel Lovejoy, GED

MEDICAL ASSISTING
Kristin Bogart, GED, HSD
Matthew Castorena, GED, HSD
*Tatyana Chuprova, HSD
Danielle Farley, HSD
*Chelsea Fohl, HSD
Kristi Gallagher
Lolla Lautiej
Keyanna Moreland-Law, HSD
*Nim Nuon, HSD
Holly Robertson, GED, HSD

NURSING ASSISTING
Tamara Clark
Charles Harrison
Elisabeth McVey, HSD
Jami Meyer
*Frehiwot Tekle, HSD
*Etsegenet Teklwoled, HSD

OFFICE TECHNOLOGY
*Miriam Angeles, HSD
*Terra Gantz, GED
*Lubov Histnoy
Nichole Lockard, GED
William Maxie II, HSD
*Julie Ramsey, HSD
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Deja Vu Thrift Store wins Job Corps award

Deja Vu thrift store is the winner of MTC's 2001 Celebrating Excellence award for the western region. Tongue Point Job Corps Center nominated Deja Vu for the award, and the store was recognized above other nominations throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Hawaii, Nevada and California.

Deja Vu earned the award through their excellent customer service to Tongue Point students, said Naomi Ulsted. Tongue Point's business and community liaison. "Deja Vu staff always go out of their way to help students coordinate clothes in order to get the best deals," she said. "In emergencies, the store always comes through, even going so far as to donate several bags of clothing to a student whose belongings had been stolen."

Ulsted added that the Job Corps program is only as successful as its partnerships with organizations in the community.

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Business Briefs

New wellness manager arrives

Margi Roberts, a registered nurse, is the new health and wellness manager at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Margi Roberts

Roberts came to Tongue Point from North Coast Dialysis, a provider of outpatient hemodialysis services in Astoria, managed by Renal Care Group, where she worked as a charge nurse for six months. Prior to that, Roberts worked in Missouri for Renal Care Group for two years and Dialysis Clinic Inc for 11 years. She has maintained certification in the field of nephrology as a certified nephrology nurse, and worked both as a direct patient caregiver and as a clinical manager in that field.

Roberts relocated to the Northwest after many years of Midwest living. She resides in Astoria with her son, Justin. She has three grown children who live in Missouri.

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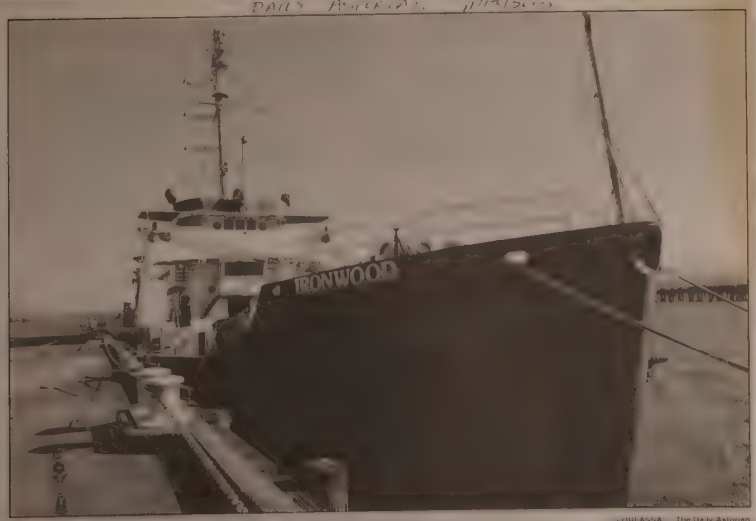

The Ironwood, a buoy tender, was recently acquired by the Tongue Point Job Corps Center. COURTESY The Daily Astorian

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Job Corps receives training vessel

The Daily Astorian

Tongue Point Job Corps Center acquired the Ironwood, a 180-foot buoy tender that was decommissioned from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2000.

A private individual acquired the ship and donated it to the Department of Labor as a tax write-off. The Department of Labor passed the boat onto Job Corps, which is part of the department.

Tongue Point Job Corps operates the only seamanship training program in Job Corps. It operates two ships, two tugs, several smaller vessels and a barge.

The Ironwood, built in 1944, served at several locations throughout the country, including Alaska. The Ironwood was upgraded more frequently than Tongue Point's cargo ship the Betsy Ross, also built in 1944.

"We've been trying to get a buoy tender to replace the Betsy Ross for years," Seamanship instructor Pat Albers said.

The Coast Guard will certify the Ironwood as a training vessel, a process that could take a few weeks to a few months.

The Ironwood arrived at Tongue Point last month. Coos Bay-based Sause Brothers Ocean Towing transported the ship from Los Angeles to Tongue Point for free.

"If we would have had to pay for it, it would have been $40,000 to tow it up here," Albers said.

Students finishing the program are certified as deckhands or engine room workers. Enrollment is rolling in the program, which usually takes two years to complete. The seamanship program currently serves about 50 students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Tongue Point Job Corps

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Tongue Point Job Corps recognizes Reed Merrick as October's "Unsung Hero"

Tongue Point is proud to recognize landscaping instructor Reed Merrick as October's "Unsung Hero." Tongue Point's "Unsung Heroes" do their jobs efficiently, effectively, quietly and consistently.

Reed has taken it upon himself, both with students and on his own, to beautify the center's grounds. Rather than waiting to be asked, he sees what needs to be done and does it, and promotes the same attitude in his students. He always goes above and beyond to do the very best job possible.

Thanks to Reed for giving us a more pleasant place to work.

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Clatsop Bridges Care Center Really Does "CARE"

Tongue Point Job Corp Center's Work-Based Learning Program would like to recognize "Bridges" for its dedication to our students.

Students from Nursing Assisting, Medical Assisting and Office Technology have had the opportunity to work with the staff at "Bridges" to further their training in their chosen vocation. Each student receives excellent one-on-one mentoring.

Students who receive their training at "Bridges" return to TPJCC with more confidence, not only in their work but also in themselves. Thank you Clatsop Bridges Care Center for all you give to our students!

Nursing Assistant student Elizabeth Galvez

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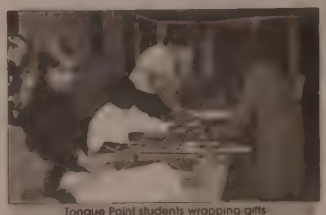
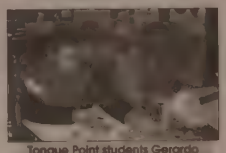
Holiday Spirit abounded at Tongue Point this year as the students pitched in to organize several holiday projects for the community.

The Student Government Association voted to "adopt" 9 children through the Adopt-A-Family program this year. Students spent an afternoon shopping and then jumped in to wrap the presents during a 30-person gift-wrapping party. Students delivered the gifts to the families personally.



Tongue Point students wrapping gifts

Students and staff from the Academics department went all out this year, also. Many hours were spent making hand-crafted holiday stockings that were filled with handmade ornaments, and other gifts. The 95 stockings were given to North Coast Senior Services for distribution through the Meals on Wheels program.



Tongue Point students Gerardo Dejesus and Hamza Gabre

Thanks to all of our students. We're proud of you!

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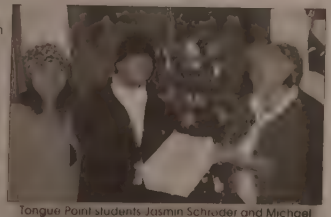
Graphic Communications students create coloring book

Tongue Point students Holly Talbot and Tessa Cain put their newly acquired skills to work when they created their coloring book, "Be Healthy, Be Happy!"

Graphic Communications students printed nearly 500 copies of the book, and delivered the copies to organizations throughout Astoria. Recipients included The Pioneer House, Columbia Memorial Hospital, and Clatsop Community Action.

Tessa and Holly have both been enrolled at Tongue Point Job Corps for just over 3 months. Holly plans to graduate from the Graphic Communications vocation in the spring and enter the workforce. Tessa plans to enroll in Clatsop Community College through Tongue Point's Advanced Career Training program.



Tongue Point students Jasmin Schroder and Michael Moynihan, with Caron Hart of The Pioneer House

Tongue Point students Tessa Cain and Holly Talbot

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Tongue Point is proud to recognize Mike Plum, Chuck Gunn, and Rick Yelton as November's "Unsung Heroes"

Tongue Point's "Unsung Heroes" do their jobs efficiently, effectively, quietly and consistently. Mike, Chuck, and Rick are the Center Duty Officers who are in charge of the Center during evenings and weekends. They handle numerous difficult situations and make decisions professionally and knowledgeably.

When Mike, Chuck, or Rick is in charge, our students and staff are in good hands.

Chuck Gunn

Mike Plum

Rick Yelton

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SEASIDE SIGNAL 11/7/2003

Volunteer effort makes all the difference at Seltzer Park

by LESLIE PUGMIRE
Seaside Signal Staff

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Working hard: The hardy few who lasted all morning long landscaping Seltzer Park were rewarded with a commemorative picture of their grass-roots community event. Depending on the information source, anywhere from a few dozen to nearly 100 residents volunteered at the November planting

The old adage "It's amazing what can be accomplished when we all work together" was demonstrated in a very visual way early this November when community-built Seltzer Park in Seaside received its finishing touches.

"I'll bet at one point we had nearly 100 people there helping," said Seaside Mayor Rosemary Baker-Monaghan, herself one of the army of volunteers who showed up Nov. 3 to landscape the two-year-old park.

"There were a lot of people there I didn't even know and ones I didn't ask to come," said the ring leader of the event, landscape gardener Pam Fleming. "It was overwhelming. In the end it was almost a competition to find work for everyone."

Seltzer Park was initially the project of NORA, Inc., a non-profit organization headed by former Seaside City Councilor John Burr and later Ken Gurian, who worked with the Seltzer family on the park development after donation of the land in 1994. The site, adjacent to [illegible] restrooms and an outdoor shower for the ever-present surfer population.

Funds for the construction were raised by selling memorial bricks and benches and holding benefit concerts. Construction was done using Jobs Corps students and various volunteers.

"We had a fabulous community outpouring to make this happen," Baker-Monaghan said. "We had silent auctions, the Willie Nelson and Smothers Brothers concerts donated fill, all the labor was volunteer. I know there was some [illegible]

[illegible] charge the project had to be worked on as their schedule allowed and the plantings waited on an upcoming bulk-rate nursery order planned by the city that enabled the project to be completed at a reduced cost.

"This project cost the city of Seaside almost nothing to complete," Baker-Monaghan said. "And now we have a beautiful ocean view park. Personally, I would like to thank all my fellow committee member for making it happen." In addition to the mayor, the committee consisted of Jerry Seltzer, Ken and [illegible]

[illegible] wrap-up to what has been a grassroots community effort all along. More than 3,000 native shrubs and flowers were installed on Seltzer slopes, Fleming said, while volunteers swarmed around its base.

She estimated it would be three years before the park fills out and achieves its full landscaped effect. Fleming listed the plants as salal, [illegible] columbine and asters. The plants were installed according to the exposure they receive from the [illegible] and wind.

[illegible] ready to plant. He was drawn by the site of the park — a popular spot for locals and visitors alike, he felt.

"I just did what I was told, dug holes and put plants in them," [illegible] "Pam [illegible] a great lady and when you have people like that in the community it's a pleasure to volunteer your time with them. I was just pleased I was able to give them a few hours of my time."

Cannon Beach resident Peter [illegible]

[illegible] friends who were planning on helping and before I knew it I found myself at the Cove at 7 a.m. on a Sunday morning. I had seen the park site before — I thought the lump looked a lot like a military bunker — one day while I was standing across the street with some of my surfer cronies." Those same buddies, who had talked [illegible] surf was up.

It's a nice little park now [illegible] added. "Even though Seltzer is not in my back door it was an appealing project for me. I'll get involved with anything [illegible]

[illegible] was on site to lend a hand as well and was so enthused by what he saw he ran home to get his camera.

"I felt kind of guilty taking pictures while everyone was working but something like that is history in the making for the community and I wanted to record it," he said.

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Service in a Good Cause

AmeriCorps member Jennifer Knowles helps organize a closet at the Pioneer House Shelter in Astoria Monday afternoon. As part of the AmeriCorps' program "Communities in Partnership to Stop Violence Against Women and Children," eight volunteers from Astoria and Portland, with help from the Tongue Point Job Corps Center, helped with some spring cleaning at the shelter. "It's a service day for Martin Luther King Jr.," said Emily Willard, an AmeriCorps member in Astoria.

LORI ASSA – The Daily Astorian

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On Saturday, Feb. 8, some of Seattle and Astoria's best performance poets competed in a poetry slam at The River Theater. A poetry slam is like an open-mike poetry reading where competitors just stand up and read poems they have written.

About 15 poets jumped in for two rounds of high-pressure competition, and were judged both on the content of their poems and their delivery. Judges in the audience rated performances on a scale of 1-10, and the top four competed in a **final, third** round.

And the winner was... MICHAEL MOYNIHAN, a student at Tongue Point Job Corps. He has been a TPJCC Graphic Communications student since April 2002. His prize for first place included a 5-pound bag of Columbia Coffee Roaster's **Thundermuck** coffee and a book on the history of Astoria.

Second place went to FLORENCE SAGE of Clatsop Community College.

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One of the many vocational programs at the TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER was featured in the Winter 2003 issue of "Job Corps In Action" magazine.

In keeping with the Job Corps' philosophy of "employing available opportunities," TPJCC takes advantage of its unique location along the Columbia River to offer students its Coast Guard certified Seamanship vocation, operated by the Inland Boatmen's Union.

NAOMI ULSTEAD, TPJCC Business and Community Liaison, says the Seamanship students, "watch the ships pass, knowing one day they will become critical contributors to this age-old, water-based commerce."

But how successful is the program? RICHARD TRIGG, Job Corps National Director, says in the article that, "... TPJCC has placed 100 percent of graduates from that program at average initial wages of $15.41 an hour."

The Seamanship vocation was launched in 1981 with one boat and 15 students under the direction of CAPTAIN JACK NEWBOLD and JOHN NELSON. [illegible] other instructors, four boats and 80 students.

One of the program's many graduates is MICHAEL CUMMINGS. Following graduation in 1985, he worked in California for a while before returning to the Columbia corridor. He is now a pilot and deck mechanic for Tidewater, which operates tugboats along the Columbia River.

Another graduate, TOM BARCOT, says, "my friends and I were just going in circles. Doing nothing, going nowhere." Barcot now has a seamanship career and says, "Once you get these jobs, you're there until you're finished working. These are lifetime jobs."

These students are obviously [illegible] in more ways than one.

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News

Round up those radios

Astoria First United Methodist Church has teamed up with KMUN Community Radio to round up the surrounding area's used radios. Radios will be distributed to adults in transitional housing and foster homes.

Residents are asked to bring working used radios to the First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave., from 1 to 4 p.m. this Saturday and next. Students from Tongue Point Job Corps Center will greet visitors and accept donated radios. The Tongue Point students will clean the radios and prepare them for delivery. Students from St. Mary, Star of the Sea School will also assist with preparation and packaging of the radios.

The radios will serve to keep recipients better connected to the community through news, current events, commentary, music, sports and local programming, said Naomi Ulsted, Tongue Point's business and community liaison. Each radio will be given along with a listing of local radio stations and instructions. For information, call the First United Methodist Church at 325-5454.

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Chamber seeks people for Speaker's Bureau

The Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce's Business and Education Committee is looking for dynamic speakers to participate in a local Speakers Bureau. Members of the Speakers Bureau would serve as a resource for area educators and students and may be asked to serve as guest speakers to local schools in Astoria, Warrenton, or Knappa, provide internship/mentoring opportunities at businesses, participate in Career Day activities, or provide business tours. "This is an excellent opportunity for business owners to participate in our schools and promote their business, career, or industry to interested students and teachers," said Naomi Ulsted of Tongue Point Job Corps Center. For information, call Ulsted at 325-2131 extension 170, or e-mail her at UlstedN@jcdc.jobcorps.org

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In One Ear

Student logs on and excels

Despite recent troubles in the "dot.com" arena, technology careers are still readily available. Knowing this, TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER established a Computer Service Technician vocation in February 2002.

"Students completing the program can troubleshoot hardware and software problems, work with a number of software applications, install various types of drives and build a computer from component parts," explains NAOMI ULSTED, Business and Community Liaison at the center.

A November graduate of this program, JACOB CARPENTER, has gone on to win a $1,000 Cisco Systems and Compaq scholarship to further his education in the field. Carpenter was one of 10 Job Corps students to receive the award, which is based on a student's proficiency, desire to continue in the technology field and demonstrated leadership abilities. Carpenter will use the scholarship funds at Clover Park Technical College in Tacoma, Wash., where he is enrolled in the Information Technology bachelor's degree program. He wants, eventually, to become a teacher.

While at TPJCC, Carpenter said, "Computers are my future. The [illegible]"

Chef shares passion for culinary arts

Everyday people
Getting to know your neighbors

TOM BENNETT — The Daily Astorian
Chef Michael Geurds heads the culinary arts program at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Something's cooking at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Michael Geurds hopes to impart his love of food and cooking to his students as the new head of the center's culinary arts program.

"It's exactly what I was looking for," he said of his new job. "This is a treat."

The Southern California native always knew he wanted to be a chef, and pursued his dream in restaurants, hotels and country clubs in his native state before moving six years ago to Portland, where he worked for all the major motel chains.

But after 27 years of the "rat-race lifestyle" and 60- to 70-hour work weeks, he and his wife were looking for a simpler life when the Tongue Point job opened. He joined the center in November, and this holiday season for the first time in years enjoyed Christmas and New Year's without working, he said.

"I'm looking at this as a whole new adventure," he said. "The biggest pay-off is watching the kids. I feel like I'm giving something back."

The program starts with basic food preparation and the use of kitchen tools and equipment, and moves on to more advanced dishes and French cooking techniques, always using only scratch ingredients, Geurds said. Students also learn about the business side of food preparation, costing out materials and labor. And a big emphasis throughout the program is safety – the importance of sanitary working conditions and proper food handling, he said.

The program is intended to give students a good grounding in food service and boost their chances at landing jobs in the industry. But Geurds also hopes some of his students will be inspired to apply to more advanced culinary schools, including a Job Corps-operated program in San Francisco.

"Most who enter the culinary program want to own a restaurant or be a chef – they want the glamorous side," he said. "I try to give them a realistic outlook – it's not always glamorous, but it's very rewarding."

"What I was taught a long time ago is that as long as people eat, you will always have a job," he said. "Everywhere you go in the United States there is a restaurant somewhere."

In his new Tongue Point job Geurds also sees the opportunity to give back to the community, not only with the program's students themselves but also by involving them in local projects – having his students make cookies with Head Start children, for example. He would also like to make the students available for catering jobs for [illegible]

Along with their classroom studies, the culinary arts students also run the Bistro, a restaurant-style eatery that serves lunch to Tongue Point faculty and students who've earned extra privileges. The Bistro, which the students run all aspects of, is open one day a week, but Geurds hopes to increase its operations.

Geurds said he's never taught students in a formal classroom setting, but in his 27 years in the kitchen he's been a teacher and mentor to many young aspiring chefs.

"My job is to counsel, to protege, to influence and inspire, and hopefully they'll learn," he said. "From what I've seen so far, it's not that tough – they just have to be inspired. You can't forget what it was like to be 18 years old."

The image of the stern head chef yelling at his underlings, throwing things and basically acting like a tyrant is a pretty accurate picture of how kitchens used to be, he said.

"Some chefs rule with an iron fist, in the old-school [illegible] way, and that's the way I used to be," he said. "One chef who hired me said I didn't have to be that way, and I changed my method, and it's been my success – to lead by example.

[illegible] he said. "Cooking is what I do – cooking comes from the heart."

— Tom Bennett

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Tongue Point Job Corps

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Tongue Point celebrates Black History Month

Tongue Point Job Corps and its Food Service Department helped celebrate Black History Month with a special luncheon for all staff and students.

Senior Cook Henry Penner and African-American students on Center created the menu, and prepared and served the meal. Lunch included catfish, ham hocks and greens, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, chuck wagon corn, rice and potato salad. Dessert offerings included cheesecake and sweet potato pie.

A special thanks to the food service staff and the following students for helping us celebrate diversity on our Center: Shlihah Singleton, Michael Knox, Kanithia Akers, Ciera Jones, Deon Wilson, Ijnanya Bunn, Courtney Kapodo, Jasmin Schroder, Monica Fields, Stephanie Irby and Antonio Fate.

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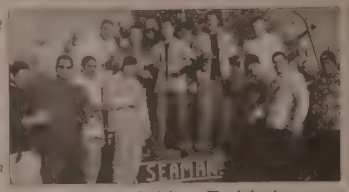
Tongue Point Celebrates Diversity

Last week's Community Corner included a photograph of some of our students portraying the traditional Hawaiian *shaka* sign. We realized, once it was in print, that the sign might be mistaken for a gang sign, which, of course, is not permitted at Tongue Point.

To celebrate diversity, however, Tongue Point encourages and accepts cultural symbols of all kinds from the 26 cultures that are represented on our center. The students in the photo hail from Hawaii, and are receiving training in our seamanship vocation. We've asked them to share a piece of their culture with you, and their writing is below.



The shaka hand sign represents the Aloha spirit of a wave (hi!). It could mean "hello," "goodbye," or thank-you." It represents a positive greeting between people. Everyone in Hawaii uses this sign, including policemen, firemen and elected officials. The Aloha spirit means to be polite, helpful, and considerate of others, even those you don't know. The shaka sign can also be used to signify that someone is joyful or especially happy.

As young local boys growing up in Hawaii, our parents taught us to do the shaka sign. When we have kids, the sign representing our Aloha spirit will be passed down to them, and so on. It's a part of our life. We can guarantee that anyone who comes to Hawaii will leave with the Aloha spirit too. The shaka!

Jason Allen, Kaulana Anderson, Jason Kanata, Sonny Makekau, Chris Yockman, Kanui Hamakua, Douglas Amina, Willy Reyes, Mana Kaawa, Keokolo Akina, Mighty Isala, Jeremiah Sanders, Keoni Tapoan, Andrew Kaawa

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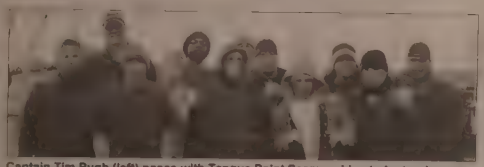
Tongue Point and MERTS work with National Response Corporation



Captain Tim Pugh (left) poses with Tongue Point Seamanship students who worked on the Luckenback project.

Tongue Point wishes to say thanks to the hardworking students and others who served as part of the Oil Spill Response Team for the Luckenback project.

Tongue Point Seamanship students, MERTS (Marine Education Research Training Station) instructors, and past MERTS students joined the team from May of 2002 through October of 2002. They joined the National Response Corporation, which was on station while 70,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil was pumped out of the Luckenback, a cargo ship downed in 1953.

Captain Tim Pugh writes, "Their diligence, effort and hard work gained National Response Corporation special recognition by the State of California's governor, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Coast Guard."

We're so proud of our students!

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Problem solver wins award

Mitra Vazeen, Tongue Point Job Corps Center's vocational manager, recently earned one of Management Training Corporation's coveted Innovations Awards for creative problem solving.

Mitra Vazeen

Vazeen was one of seven innovations winners among submissions from MTC-managed Job Corps centers across the country. The program encourages creative suggestions and problem solving from all of its employees. The award also comes with a $500 check.

Vazeen's award-winning idea was a program to integrate citizenship classes in all English as a Second Language curriculums. This will give non-U.S. citizen students the training they need to pass citizenship exams, which will provide these students with additional employment opportunities, as well as prepare them to become effective U.S. citizens, said Naomi Ulsted, Tongue Point's business and community liaison.

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Shooting victim's siblings miss sister, best friend

By ANDREW ADAMS
The Daily Astorian

On Monday, in front of dozens of relatives and family friends, Shawna Purcell, 25, said good-bye to her baby sister, best friend and confidant.

Michele Purcell, 18, died Feb. 17, victim of one of the first shooting deaths in Clatsop County in about five years. She was found dead in a home she shared with her boyfriend in Clatsop Avenue in Astoria.

At her family buried Michele at Fir Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Hillsboro near their family home in Aloha. Shawna Purcell couldn't help but think what kind of person would kill her.

"That type of person has to be just a monster," she said. "To look her in the eyes and shoot her, I can't even think of the words to describe this evil person."

Michele had recently come back to Astoria after graduating from Tongue Point Job Corps in October. She was in a relationship with a U.S. Army recruiting sergeant based in Astoria. That man, who Astoria police won't identify aside from being in his mid 20s, reportedly found Michele dead after she called him right before she is believed to have been killed.

Michele had recently enlisted in the Army and had been assigned to a military intelligence unit in Germany.

"This is cold blooded murder," Shawna Purcell said. "There was no reason in the world to kill her."

An autopsy report by the state medical examiner's office in Portland determined that Michele had been killed by one gunshot wound from a handgun.

Astoria Police Capt. Alan Oja, who is heading up the investigation into Michele's death, said on Wednesday that authorities found the gun that killed Michele in the house she had been living in with her boyfriend. He did not specify exactly where in the house the gun was found, but did say that it appears to belong to Michele's boyfriend.

While details of exactly what happened are still unclear, around 3:30 p.m. on the day Michele died, one report said she had called her boyfriend after a group of people appeared outside her house who she felt were about to harm her. The boyfriend reportedly came home to find Michele a body and then called 9-1-1.

Oja said the department is looking into that, but as of yet, have not found anyone from the neighborhood who can confirm seeing people outside the house near the time of Michele's death. He said it does appear that Michele did make the call to her boyfriend that afternoon, but it is not clear why she did.

He said the man is not, nor has been, a suspect in the case, but that does not clear him from the investigation and authorities are continuing to work with him.

Gary Stauffer, spokesman for the Portland Army Recruiting Battalion, which oversees the Astoria post, said the Army is withholding any comment on the matter until the police finish their investigation. He added the recruiter in question has been on leave since the incident.

Siblings doubt story

Shawna Purcell said Michele was too smart to have let anyone she was fearful of into the house.

"I'm not buying it," she said, adding that Michele would have locked the doors, grabbed the phone to call 9-1-1 and found a safe hiding place.

Jason Purcell, 27, reached by phone at his home in St. George, Utah, also said Michele was too smart to have put herself in danger. He said he believes the person who killed her was someone she

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Siblings: Michele was helpful

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trust have known because she would never have let a stranger in her home.

"I've talked to her, I've told her about safety," Jason Purcell said, who is training to be a police officer and also served in the Army.

While there are still many questions surrounding why Michele was killed, both of her siblings said their family will always miss the young woman they say was robbed from them.

"She was a very loving person," Jason Purcell said. "She's done a lot for me personally and a lot for her friends and family."

He remembered one time when he was going through a rough period of his life and his son, who was 1½ years old at the time, became sullen and withdrawn and would not talk.

> *'She was our little sister.'*
> — Shawna Purcell
> sister of murder victim

"She just had this spiritual side to her and she really pulled him out of it," he said. "Now he's perfect."

Shawna Purcell remembered Michele as someone who always was "radiating energy and always reaching out a hand to anyone."

She said often times when the two were on shopping trips in Portland, Michele would stop to talk to complete strangers on the street who appeared to be down on their luck, just to make them feel special.

But Michele also made sure to give that patience and kindness to her friends.

"She amazed me, she was a wonderful sister, she was always there and she had a wisdom beyond her years," Shawna Purcell said.

Instead of being burned, Michele was supposed to be in Minneapolis Shawna Purcell said, celebrating after finishing up a round of tests at medical school. Then this summer the sisters were looking forward to a large family reunion.

Now, Shawna Purcell and Michele's other siblings and family members have to deal with her being gone.

"It's really difficult to even process something like this," she said. "She was our little baby sister."

The Purcell family has established a memorial fund for Michele. Shawna Purcell said anyone interested can make a donation to the account at any Wells Fargo Bank branch.

Capt. Oja has said he would like anyone who knew Michele or knows anything about her death to contact him at 338-6411, ext. 22.

Shawna Purcell also implored anyone who may know something to come forward so the mystery surrounding her sister's death can be put to rest.

"We know it takes time and we have to be patient ... we will find this person and we won't rest until it happens," she said. "If that person is out there and is capable of such cold blooded murder that's something every one should be concerned about."

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center Masonry sudents assist in a project for the city of Astoria.

Team of Tongue Point Job Corps masonry students pours in labor

Some 17 cement masonry students at The Tongue Point Job Corps are replacing old, cracked sidewalks in six of Astoria's parks and monuments.

Astoria Parks Department partnered with the students, who will tear out the old sidewalks, build forms and pour and finish the new walks. Astoria will provide the cement and re-bar.

The students completed their first project at Alderbrook Hall two weeks ago, and are working at the east Portal Park. Future work sites include Fort Astoria, Children's Park, People's Place Park and the Doughboy Monument.

In addition to the sidewalk project, about 15 landscaping students spent 12 hours removing and killing English Ivy from 25 trees at Shively Park. English Ivy is a noxious weed that invades some of Astoria's parks and can kill trees.

Landscaping students also renovated the Astoria Public Library landscape. About 15 students spent 30 hours developing a Lewis and Clark garden theme by replanting the library gardens with plants that are native to Oregon.

In the fall, landscaping students also worked with volunteers from the Astoria Visual Arts to renovate Fort Astoria Park. About four Tongue Point students spent 16 hours removing blackberries and weeds, trimming trees and shrubs and reconstructing flowerbeds.

Recently the Tongue Point students also volunteered to pick up garbage along the Riverwalk.

"The Parks Maintenance Department does not have the time or the money to do these projects with our present staffing, workload and budget," Astoria Parks Supervisor Dick Magathan said. "So we greatly appreciate their help."

"Due to past and current budget cuts, the Parks and Community Services Department relies heavily on volunteers from Tongue Point and volunteers who live in the community to assist the park staff in completing park maintenance work," said Kevin Beck, parks and community services director.

Tongue Point Job Corps — COMMUNITY CORNER

Tongue Point Job Corps Center "Warms Up" with Diamond Heating

Diamond Heating is one of the newest additions to the Work-Based Learning Program at Tongue Point Job Corps Center. Dan Nelson, Amy Guyette and Heidi Hougham have offered to share their knowledge and expertise with our office technology students.

Students receive mentoring and training from the staff at Diamond Heating and are assigned for six weeks to gain office skills and learn the importance of teamwork and follow-through. Students also come away with more self-confidence and a real sense of achievement.

Thank you Diamond Heating for welcoming our students and taking time out of your busy schedule. You really make a difference.

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Radios Galore!

Tongue Point students Autumn Beavers and Jessica Broulette

In March, Tongue Point students teamed up with KMUN Community Radio Station and the First United Methodist Church in a project focused on building our community.

The church was the drop-off point for dozens of used radios. The Tongue Point students helped to clean, organize and box-up the radios for distribution to adult foster care homes and traditional housing.

Thanks to all who brought in radios on March 1st or March 8th. Enough radios were gathered to distribute one to every room in the Union Town Transition House.

Tongue Point student Shane Anglin and Jane Hill (First United Methodist Church)

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Tongue Point Job Corps — COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations to Mike Denny, Tongue Point's March "Unsung Hero!"

Tongue Point is proud to recognize Mike Denny (Property Clerk) as March's "Unsung Hero."

Tongue Point's "Unsung Heroes" do their jobs efficiently, effectively, quietly and consistently. Mike is consistently observant and holds students accountable in order to teach them individual responsibility. Mike also goes out of his way to make certain our Center is a safe and positive place to live and work.

Never one to pass off work as "someone else's job," Mike sets a high work standard. Thanks, Mike!

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Tongue Point students hope for more books

Tongue Point is on the hunt for books, new or used. The Job Corps Center is revamping its student library, and hopes to fill the space with literature, high-brow and low-brow, educational and fun, according to Naomi Ulsted, business and community liaison.

"Tongue Point students are looking for fiction, science fiction, biographies and nonfiction material about music, art, autos, politics and entertainment," she said. "And don't forget poetry!"

The library does not take out-of-date textbooks, Readers Digest books, magazines or books in need of repair or recycling. For information or to donate, call Tony Walsh, group life manager, at 741-0103.

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DON and HELEN McDANIEL report that 17 members of the Astoria Senior Center were invited to lunch at the Tongue Point Job Corp Center recently.

Students in the culinary program planned and executed a lunch specifically for the seniors, keeping in mind special dietary needs, such as for those with diabetes. Under Chef Michael Geurds' supervision, the students prepared and served field greens in vinaigrette dressing, roast rosemary chicken, saffron couscous, julienne carrots and dietetic coconut custard.

"The presentation of the dishes was done in a style worthy of a fine-dining establishment," says Don McDaniel, "the servers were enthusiastic and knew the meaning of 'service with a smile'" he adds. The students also joined their guests at the tables for a chance to get to know each other.

After lunch, the guests were treated to a tour of the center and watched a marine class doing their rowing exercises in the pouring rain.

On the bus back to the Senior Center, comments such as: "What a wonderful treat," "Great kids," and "Delightful meal" were heard.

"The Bistro (at TPJCC) is certainly the place for a good meal," says Don McDaniel, "just ask the Seniors of Astoria!" He concludes by saying that Chef Michael is to be congratulated for doing a great job.

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Tongue Point welcomes new deputy director

Mike Riley

Tongue Point Job Corps welcomes its new deputy director, Mike Riley.

Riley comes to Tongue Point from Gary Job Corps Center in San Marcos, Texas, where he was director of education and training. He has 15 years of Job Corps experience at centers in Hawaii, Washington, Utah, Alaska, California and Texas. Riley started in Job Corps as an academics instructor, and has since held positions including academics manager, vocational supervisor and programs director.

Riley has a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, and has completed Management and Training Corporation's Executive Development Program, a year-long training course for upper management in the Job Corps system. He and his wife, Sheryle, live at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

His wife Jody Flukinger said she enjoys meeting the regular students.

"It's always nice to see them," she said. "You get to know them."

In other news:

• Astoria School Board will offer the district's future Superintendent Michael Sowder $89,333 per year. The district will also pay 6 percent of Sowder's salary as a contribution to the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System.

• Astoria School District may soon sponsor a charter high school at Tongue Point Job Corps Center. The school would provide vocational and traditional high school classes for Astoria High School students and Job Corps students. Curriculum Director Marilyn Lane has been planning the project with Tongue Point High School Principal Jim Davis. The school would open by January or earlier, Lane said. The board took no action, but will discuss the school at future meetings.

• Astoria Middle School Principal Bob Roth presented a possible schedule change which may improve grades. Currently, students take eight classes, and most are alternated every other day. With the new schedule, students would take the five classes every day and only alternate one class, he said. The middle school will plan public meetings to discuss the schedule. The board took no action on this.

• The board approved allocation of money from a bond that will pay off the district's unfunded actuarial liability to PERS.

• The Astoria Budget Committee is still accepting applicants for an opening. Applications are available at the district office and are due by April 18.

As well as learning valuable vocational skills at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, students also get the opportunity to expand other areas of their lives.

Recently, graphic communications students HOLLY TALBOT and MARANDA NOHRDEN, and facilities maintenance student CHELSEA HUNTLEY, were awarded first, second and third prizes, respectively, in the 15th annual Joint Action in Community Service essay contest.

NAOMI ULSTED, business and community liaison at TPJCC, said the essay contest is "meant to develop students' writing skills and to honor (Job Corps) Centers' top writers."

Talbot has been at TPJCC for seven months and has "excelled in her vocation." She helped produce a children's coloring book, *Be Healthy, Be Happy*, which was distributed to Clatsop County children over the holidays. Her essay focused on the cultural diversity at TPJCC.

Nohrden's essay was on the changes she has made in her life, moving from letting "everything disintegrate around me" to establishing faith in herself.

Huntley has earned her G.E.D. and high school diploma since arriving at TPJCC and "risen to the top of her facilities maintenance vocation." Her essay portrayed her former life as a high school dropout and how her vocational training at TPJCC is allowing her to channel her energy in a more positive way.

More than 30 students entered the contest. The three winners will have their essays forwarded to a regional contest to compete against those from other Job Corps centers.

Do you have ears? If so, mail them to Lyn Baker, The Daily Astorian, P.O. Box 210, Astoria, OR 97103, fax to 325-6573, or e-mail to lbaker@dailyastorian.com

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Tongue Point Thanks Tobacco Specialist/Health Educator, Sunny Hunt!

Tongue Point students and staff extend a huge thanks to Sunny Hunt. Sunny works with Oregon Health and Human Services, and is the coordinator for the Tobacco Free Coalition for Clatsop County.

The Coalition's main goals are to create a diverse, community-based coalition to promote a tobacco-free environment, to reduce youth access to tobacco, and to promote tobacco-free resources to organizations that need them. If anyone is interested in joining the coalition, call 338-3600.

Sunny has been instrumental in helping Tongue Point establish its tobacco prevention program. She has welcomed Tongue Point students and staff to the coalition, and she has acted as consultant as we created our prevention program. Sunny also developed a curriculum emphasizing tobacco prevention for our new students, and has taught several classes of Tongue Point students.

Thanks, Sunny, for all you and the Tobacco Free Coalition do to keep Tongue Point and the Clatsop community healthy!

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Tongue Point Job Corps COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations to Stephanie Jones, Tongue Point's "Unsung Hero!"

Tongue Point is proud to recognize Residential Living Supervisor Stephanie Jones for March's "Unsung Hero."

Tongue Point's "Unsung Heroes" do their jobs efficiently, effectively, quietly and consistently. They are the backbone of our organization. Stephanie can always be relied on to help out in a pinch, and often sacrifices her own personal time to counsel students.

She is well respected by students and staff alike, and is an excellent role model. She is involved with many of the projects and programs that make Tongue Point a great place to live and work.

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Tongue Point adds flavor to talent show

Astoria Middle School talent will come out in force at 7 p.m. Friday. Musicians and dancers will grace the stage, while guests nibble exotic hors d'oeuvres prepared by Tongue Point Culinary Arts Students.

Guests can expect a multicultural experience at this year's talent show, held in the AMS cafeteria. The Tongue Point Hispanic Dancers will provide entertainment at the start of the show, and the food will represent a variety of different cultures. Culinary Arts students will be serving Ethiopian "Dabo Kolo" cookies, fried wontons with dipping sauce and "Bavarian" filled cream puffs, as well as Hispanic, French, Hawaiian and Italian foods. The AMS Family and Consumer Studies class will also serve cookies and a beverage.

AMS Principal Bob Roth said the audience should look for a couple of surprise acts.

The Astoria Middle School Parents Club is in charge of organizing the talent show. Admission is free, and a small charge for the hors d'oeuvres will go to the Parents Club to help fund activities such as the Writers' Forum and the Welcome Celebration at the beginning of the year.

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Recruiter cleared, but death still a mystery

Investigators have yet to determine if Purcell died of homicide, accident or suicide

By ANDREW ADAMS
The Daily Astorian

The U.S. Army recruiter who had been in a relationship with Michele Purcell has been cleared in her death investigation.

Sgt. Daniel Smith found 18-year-old Purcell dead from a gunshot wound in his Astoria home Feb. 17.

Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis said the "bulk of the investigation" has been completed in the case and none of the evidence collected indicates Smith is legally responsible for Purcell's death.

He said Smith was interviewed extensively several times during an investigation that included DNA and fingerprint analysis, ballistic tests and other lab work.

While Smith will not likely become a suspect in the future, Marquis said he could not say if the investigation will yield a suspect - even though he said he expects the case to be resolved in a few weeks. "We think we have a fairly clear picture of what happened," he said.

Although natural causes have been ruled out, Marquis said the investigation has yet to determine if Purcell died because of homicide, accident or suicide.

Investigators are still treating the incident as a homicide, but Marquis said the "who and why" and manner of death in the case have been extremely elusive.

"It's not unusual for investigations in deaths that are not cut and dry to take a long time," he said. "Criminal investigation is not nearly as exciting as shown on TV."

Purcell was a Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center graduate who had hopes of joining an Army military intelligence unit. According to Purcell's relatives, the young woman, who had

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Michele Purcell is pictured on a visit to Yellowstone Nation.

Submitted photo

Mystery: Purcell was fatally shot in the chest

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grown up in the Aloha area, had been having a discreet relationship with Smith since she had joined the Army's delayed entry program in early October.

An autopsy revealed Purcell had been fatally shot once in the chest, and Astoria police later learned the pistol used in the shooting belonged to Smith.

Smith's superior officers and co-workers cooperated in the investigation and Marquis said it will be up to the Army to decide if it wants to pursue its own investigation into Smith's relationship with Purcell.

Army regulations prohibit a recruiter from having a romantic or sexual relationship with a recruit or sharing lodging. An Army spokesman has said an investigation into Smith's actions with Purcell will be undertaken once the Astoria Police Department's probe is complete. The spokesman said Smith is on administrative leave from his post as recruiter.

Astoria Police Capt. Alan Oja said the investigation is wrapping up and the department needs to interview only a few more people who knew Purcell. "Our investigation is kind of winding down on this case," he said.

Marquis said the investigation has taxed the time and resources of both the Astoria Police Department and the Clatsop County major crimes team, which includes representatives from other county law enforcement agencies.

He said he met with Purcell's family members last week to apprise them of where the investigation is and when it should be complete.

Purcell's older sister Shawna, 26, said she is frustrated that authorities have not been able to find conclusive evidence.

"It's just disappointing for myself and family," she said. "It's been three months now, and a suspect has not been named."

She said she still firmly believes her younger sister was murdered, and hopes the person responsible will not escape justice. "My family is not going to accept suicide or accidental death and the fact that they may never be able to solve it," she said.

Although she said she knows authorities have been working hard and efficiently on the case, it is hard for her to believe there is still some uncertainty as to what exactly happened that afternoon in February when her sister died. The uncertainty in how Michele Purcell died is one of the worst parts of losing her sister, she said.

"You play all these possible scenarios out in your mind a million times a day," she said. "It would be very nice just to name a suspect and bring this to closure."

Shawna Purcell is working toward a degree from the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis medical school, and said she just tries to focus on finishing the term. In the summer, she said she looks forward to, and is also somewhat apprehensive about, the added free time to deal with her intense grief.

"I'll try to focus on her when she was alive and the good moments and the tears," she said.

Tongue Point Job Corps COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations to Ben Ell, Student Volunteer of the Quarter

Congratulations to Tongue Point's Student Volunteer of the Quarter, Ben Ell! In the last three months, Ben has spent hours of his personal time in volunteer service learning projects. Ben's commitment to our community has made a difference. Thanks, Ben!

Ben Ell and Vinnie Red Star cleaning the Riverwalk

Ben Ell

"Working in a great community has been such a pleasure. I have had the opportunity to help clean up the shorelines, trails and roads of Astoria and Clatsop County. Clatsop has several great features and I just appreciate being able to do my part in maintaining and improving these places for others to enjoy, as well as myself."

– Ben Ell, seamanship vocation

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Job Corps students liven up Astoria Senior Center

By TIMM COLLINS
The Daily Astorian

A new coat of paint can do wonders to a liven up a room.

The interior of the Astoria Senior Center was recently repainted by a crew from the Tongue Point Job Corps Center, and the updated color has done wonders for the look and feel of the center, according to manager Paula Fisher.

Fisher said the center has been in need of improvements for a long time, and she had been in contact with the Job Corps for several months about the possibility of getting a crew to patch holes and do some painting.

"It really is a wonderful partnership we have with Tongue Point, because it was work experience for them and new paint for the center," she said. "I think the interaction between seniors and students from the Job Corps is beneficial for both."

Board member Don McDaniel said the Senior Center has been left a [illegible] but according to stipulations of the endowment none of the money can be used for upkeep and maintenance.

"The money is really only supposed to be used for activities," said McDaniel. "The center has to find other ways to pay for maintenance."

The interior color went from a dark pea-green to off-white that Fisher says "brightens the room and the spirits of visitors to the center."

About 15 students spent three days patching holes, prepping and painting the walls covered with siding more commonly used for exterior application.

Fisher said the Job Corps is working on updating some computer equipment at the center because the current computers are older and can't run some modern programs like e-mail or access to the Internet.

Naomi Ulsted, business and community liaison for the Job Corps center, said the service provided by students is especially helpful in times of weak economy.

"In this time of budget crunch it is important for the Job Corps to be a recourse for organizations that otherwise can't afford to hire other local contractors," she said. "If students feel they are needed, and given a sense of belonging, they are more likely to complete their education."

INFORMATION

June is membership recruitment month at the Astoria Senior Center. If you are paid-up member of the Senior Center, and you recruit one or more new members during the month of June, you will receive a free meal at Loves and Fishes.

To be eligible for the free meal, new members cannot have previously been an Astoria Senior Center member and annual dues of $12 must be paid. (Previous members are encouraged to re-join, but reinstatement will not qualify people for a free meal.)

The Astoria Senior Center is at 1111 Exchange St. For additional information, call

Local 4-H students will have shiny new tables to display their chickens at this year's Clatsop County Fair, thanks to some students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Carpentry and facilities maintenance students at TPJC Carpentry and Facilities maintenance students at TPJC have been working on the tables since early March. This win-win situation provided hands-on training for the TPJC students as well as an opportunity to serve the community. The tables are currently in storage, awaiting the arrival of the fair, and the chickens.

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Charter school gets OK from Astoria board

The Daily Astorian

Astoria School Board will support a charter school if grant money is approved.

The school would be an alternative high school located at Tongue Point Job Corps. State money would pay for the operation of the school, which would educate Job Corps and local students.

The U.S. Department of Education grant would provide $150,000 for start-up money. Astoria curriculum director Marilyn Lane said. The money would cover a down-payment on portables, curriculum materials and a public education plan.

> ***'After we received the planning grant and decided to move ahead ... it's not a competitive process anymore.'***
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> **— Marilyn Lane**
> Astoria schools curriculum director

The district already received a planning grant to study the prospect of a charter school, which makes the charter school "almost a certain thing," Lane said.

"After we received the planning grant and decided to move ahead ... it's not a competitive process anymore," she said.

The school is slated to open Jan. 5, 2004 and will accommodate about 60 students from the high school and Tongue Point in the beginning. The Job Corps students would also generate state funding if they enroll in the charter school, Lane said. The school may even attract students who have dropped out of the high school, she said.

Naomi Ulsted, Tongue Point's business and community liaison, said the school could appeal to students who feel held back or rushed by traditional high schools.

"They can proceed through at their own pace," she said.

Tongue Point already has a high school, Ulsted said. The charter school would incorporate science and history into the studies. Tongue Point's current high school only has math, reading and English.

The charter school's name has not yet been decided, she said. The board will have another chance to approve the school before it opens.

"This has been an excellent year in increasing our options of our high school students," board member Bob Ellsberg said.

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Tongue Point honors employees, partners

Tongue Point Job Corps Center recently awarded its annual Celebrating Excellence awards to outstanding employees during the 2002 year. The awards are given to employees who have gone above and beyond their regular duties, and have consistently been positive role models for students.

The Group Life Staff Member of the Year award was presented to Residential Advisor Kathy Schultz. Kathy's positive attitude and sense of humor make the workplace a great place to be, according to Business and Community Liaison Naomi Ulsted.

Vocations Secretary Debi Westphal received the award for Administrative Support Services Staff Member of the Year. "Both staff and students see Debi as a role model because of the way she treats each person with respect and works diligently to provide excellent customer service," Ulsted said. Westphal will soon be starting a new position as accounting clerk.

The Vocational Instructor award was presented to Medical Assisting Instructor Michelle Wall, who has spent many hours coordinating semi-annual Red Cross blood drives.

Pat Lundin, academic instructor, accepted the Academics Staff Member of the Year award for the second year in a row. "Pat works with different students each week and each year, and the outcome is always the same. Students know she cares about their education, and they know they learned something important from her," said Ulsted.

Residential Living Supervisor Danny Stoddard was awarded the Supervisor of the Year award. In his short time at Tongue Point, Stoddard has created a positive culture in his dorm and made concrete changes in the program, Ulsted said.

The Manager of the Year award was presented to Human Resources Manager Linda Zillinger. In addition to the high demands of managing staff employment for Tongue Point, Linda assists with many student events and dedicates a lunch hour per week to the SMART reading program at John Jacob Astor Elementary [illegible].

The Security Department was awarded this year's Team of the Year award. Tim Flagg, Chuck Gunn, Jay Lambert, John Larson, Matt Lundstrom, Connie Marlow, Simon Mathers, Mike Plum, David Silk, Bob Steiner, Rick Yelton and Manager Bob Steiner can be counted on to make Tongue Point a safe and secure place for students to learn and live, and for staff to work, said Ulsted.

The Staff Member of the Year for 2002 was awarded to Counselor Magdalena Montes. Magdalena's contributions are evident in many Tongue Point programs, including the diversity program and the Kids' Day event, benefiting the Pioneer House.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center presented New Northwest Broadcasters with its Community Partner award. The award is given to a business or organization that has been an excellent community partner with Tongue Point, and within the general community.

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Tongue Point Job Corps — COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations to all our Advanced Career Training Program students!

Your success at Clatsop Community College makes us proud

- **Anna Patzer** — Recipient of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police Scholarship ($1,000).
- **Raynell Walker and Etsegenet Tekiwoled (Nina)** — Recipients of the Clatsop Community College Foundation Scholarship ($600).
- **Victor Pinto** — Winner of the Clatsop TRIO award for 2003.
- **Nicole Mack** — Recipient of the Instructional Council Award for Highest GPA.
- **Mark Seymour and Michael Moynihan** — Recipients of awards from the Communications Department in Poetry.
- **Nicole Mack, Andrea Jackson, Teresa Martin and D. Bobby Fry** — Graduating from Clatsop Community College this Friday.

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CCC honors the class of 2003

Clatsop Community College's graduation ceremony takes place 7 p.m. Friday at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Graduates honors are depicted as, Honors, High Honors and Phi Theta Kappa.

Associate in Arts Oregon transfer degree recipients include Daniel Lee Allen, Astoria; Stephanie Ann Baldwin, Warrenton; Chris Berthus, Astoria; Rose Heather Binon-Sibley, Seaside; Margaret L. Brown, Astoria; Max H. Clarke, Astoria; Timothy S. Clodgo, Astoria; Bridget Cramer, Astoria; Andrew Dyer, Wauna; Fred K. Eldred, Astoria; Dena Ellsworth, Chinook, Wash.; Scott Faber, Astoria; J. Reed Fergus, Seaside; Delmer Bubby Eugene Fry, Astoria; Bradley W. Green, Astoria; Brian Hoogendijk, Astoria; Margaret F. Jenkins, Astoria; Jessica Jewall, Astoria; Allison Renee Jewell, Astoria; Don Johnson, Astoria; Andrew Robert Kinman, Astoria; Brandon LaLone, Astoria; Katie Lane, Warrenton; Jennifer Lindstrom, Astoria; Rebecca Litwin, Astoria; Dawn Ann Malcolm, Astoria; Teresa Martin, Astoria; James L. Matlock, Astoria; Benjamin H. McClain, Astoria; Megan N. Monroe, Seaside; Heather O Brien, Astoria; Sarah Jo Parson, Astoria; Patricia L. Podmajersky, Seaside; Fred Puckett, Astoria; Tammy Ray, Warrenton; Steven Reeves, Beaverton; Alyson Lindsey Rogers, Astoria; Jennifer C. Schley, Cannon Beach; Debra J. Stotts, Ocean Park, Wash.; JoAnn Joy Furmsh Surber, Seaside; Robyn K. Turner, Astoria; Patricia L. Wood, Ocean Park, Wash.; Yvonne Zimmerman, Seaview, Wash.

Associate Degree in Applied Science recipients include Accounting: Sharon Absher, Ilwaco, Wash.; Erica L. Olson, Long Beach, Wash.; Pedro Blanco, Astoria; Andrea Elizabeth Jackson, Astoria. In criminal justice: Nicole Blackmonte, Seaside; Leeann M Gray, Seaview, Wash.; Rodney B Thompson, Ocean Park, Wash.; Jennifer L. Webb, Seaside. Fire science: Chadwick A. Phiter, Clatskanie; Jeffery W. Turner, Keizer. Microcomputer business applications: Patricia Maier, Warrenton. Microcomputer programming and networking: Richard Balkins, Astoria; Nathan Jame[illegible], Astoria; Eric Cody Andersen, Astoria; Robin Becker, Tillamook; Kimberly Sue Bridges-Bentley, Seaview, Wash.; Autumn Harvest Doss, Astoria; Mar[illegible], Warrenton; Christine L. Haley, Astoria; Richard Hall, Warrenton; Christa Hallowell, Bay City; Michelle Hudders, Netarts; Kirsten J. Johnson, Cannon Beach; Sara Anne Koberstein, Tillamook; Carla Lumbra, Astoria; Michelle D. Mills, Astoria; Melissa K. Moore, Astoria; Jodie A. Myer, Warrenton; Sue Marie Painter, Astoria; Chanelle M. Preston, Ilwaco, Wash.; Brooke L. Roberts-LaPlante, Seaside; Julie Stumph, Astoria; Phing-Duyen N. Truong, Astoria; Brenda West, Gearhart; Peter Woodring, Seaside. Vessel operations: April M. Beckwith, Vancouver, Wash.; Seth Whitsett, Astoria; Clayton Gary Barnhart II, Toledo; Daniel D. McGrath, Astoria; Kaleb Richard Thoreson, Astoria.

Associate in General Science Degree recipients include: Susan L. Agaloff, Seaside; Kelli Allen, Astoria; Elizabeth M. Banuet-Martin, Ocean Park, Wash.; Amanda Beedle, Astoria; Vicki C. Blodgett, Warrenton; Thomas M. Boutland, Warrenton; Amy Elizabeth Coberly, Astoria; Barbara J. Colson, Astoria; Jason Cook, Warrenton; Veda Deahl, Astoria; Crystal Earl, Astoria; Fred K. Eldred, Astoria; Steven Ellsberg, Astoria; Kala Goble, Ilwaco, Wash.; Karen Goodwin Cutler, Long Beach, Wash.; Ruth Grimaldo, Astoria; Andria K. Hoffman, Astoria; Chanelle Y. Jensen, Ocean Park, Wash.; Jennifer Jiroch, Astoria; DiAnna M. Johnson, Astoria; Nicole Mack, Astoria; Nicole Major, Cannon Beach; Virginia Matlock, Astoria; Kay D. Mott, Astoria; Rebecca Gwinn McCalmon, Astoria; Gina M. Neal, Astoria; Annette Oswald, Warrenton; [illegible], Astoria; Amanda Rachele Reynolds, Astoria; [illegible], Astoria; Rebecca Rae Rossiter, Warrenton; Carranna Sellers, Astoria; Craig S. Smith, [illegible]; Tesfamariam, Astoria; Alinda K. Yuill, Astoria.

One-year certificate recipients include: Computer-aided drafting and design technician: Fred K. Eldred, Astoria; Jean Myers, Astoria; William Dale Rogers, Astoria. General office: Bobbie J. Rose, Astoria. Licensed practical nurse: Eric Cody Andersen, Astoria; Bonnie Burley, Cannon Beach; Autumn Harvest Doss, Astoria; Marlene Elliott, Astoria; Heather Ficken, Warrenton; Richard Hall, Warrenton; Christa Hallowell, Bay City; Melissa K. Moore, Astoria; Jodie Myer, Warrenton; Holly A. Olsen, Tillamook; Sue Marie Painter, Astoria; Chanelle Preston, Ilwaco, Wash.; Brooke Roberts-LaPlante, Seaside; Deborah M. Rohrer, Astoria; Julie Stumph, Astoria; Brenda West, Warrenton; Wendy Westman, Tillamook; Peter Woodring, Seaside. Manufacturing technician: Jason L. Davis, Hammond. Maritime science: Fred K. Eldred, Astoria; Thomas Wesley Judd, Cook, Wash. Medical assistant: Elizabeth M. Banuet-Martin, Ocean Park, Wash.; Amy Elizabeth Coberly, Astoria; Kala Goble, Ilwaco, Wash.; Chanelle Y. Jensen, Ocean Park, Wash.; Heather Lively, Astoria; Kathryn Ann McCall, Astoria; Selamawit Tesfamariam, Astoria.

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Congratulations to Tongue Point's May 2003 Graduation Class!

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Rebekah Goodpasture
LaKeisha Johnson, GED, HSD
*Michael Moynihan, GED, HSD
Jasmin Schroder, GED, HSD

LANDSCAPING
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Troy Revier, GED, HSD

MEDICAL ASSISTING
*Brandie Key
Whitney Lopez, GED, HSD
Audra Pearce
Joshua Poppe, GED, HSD
Cody Remer, GED
*Alva Sacayon, HSD

NURSING ASSISTING
*Nabila Ahmed, HSD
Cystal Danison
Fatumatuzahra Nuru, HSD
*Wabshete (Sammie) Woldeselassie, HSD

OFFICE TECHNOLOGY
Jill Abear, HSD
Randall Davis
Jake Gilbert, HSD
Regena Kelley
*Samantha Manville, GED
*Savannah Nelson, GED, HSD
*Yakelina Ridgley, GED
*Shawn Sharp
Christine Tayson
*Andrea Thurston

PAINTING
Christina Kruse, HSD

PLASTERING
Ryan Steyaert, GED

SEAMANSHIP
Austin Johnson, GED

* indicated graduating with Honors. GED = GED certificate received. HSD = High school diploma received.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR 6/13/03

A round of thanks

On behalf of Tongue Point Job Corps staff and students, I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to the Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families for their sponsorship of an outstanding Youth Recognition Awards Banquet. This event provided a perfect arena for representatives from community agencies and educational organizations to renew commitments to youth, and to celebrate youth who have overcome obstacles to achieve success.

One of Tongue Point's goals is to be an active and positive resource in our community. We were proud to be recognized as the Community Partner of the Year by the Commission on Children and Families. The synergy of individuals and organizations working together toward positive youth development cannot help but have a beneficial effect on the entire community.

Thank you to the commission for providing this inspirational forum and for honoring Tongue Point and its students. We are happy that the students' challenges and contributions are recognized and appreciated.

NANCY PYBURN, director
Tongue Point Job Corps Center

Youth Recognition Awards banquet honors the best in the community

The Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families honored 18 local youth, a mom from Warrenton, a Seaside educator and two youth programs at its 2003 Youth Recognition Awards Banquet May 21 at the Ocean View Resort in Seaside.

The commission solicited schools, organizations and the community for nominations of youth 12 to 20 who had overcome personal challenges, demonstrated positive community involvement or promoted or enhanced the quality of life in the community.

Debbie Morrow, a mother and community volunteer from Warrenton, and Marilyn North, the student advocate for Seaside School District Student Assistance Program, were each honored with "Individual of the Year" awards for their advocacy and support of children.

The Tongue Point Job Corps Center and the Lower Columbia Soccer Youth Association were honored as Community Partners of the Year.

From Astoria High School:

Anna Myers graduates this spring. Despite a learning disability, asthma and cerebral palsy, she earned a varsity letter in swimming. For the past two years, she has worked with preschool children at a local day care center. She wants to become a day-care provider or early childhood educator. Spence Barker of the Special Olympics nominated her.

Anna Myers

Josh Mendenhall, as a freshman, acted up and scuffed at school, according to his German I teacher Janet Bowler. She recalled that he failed her class and others "miserably" and dropped out of school. Last fall, he appeared at her classroom door with an apology for earlier wasting her time and asked if he could enroll in her first-level French class, even though he was older. He earned a "spectacular" grade and is an excellent role model for younger students, Bowler said. Josh plans to earn his diploma from Astoria High School next year, and then go to college to study languages and earn a doctorate degree in medieval studies. He hopes to teach at a college or university.

Ashley Foster has overcome numerous hardships in her family life, including taking on adult responsibilities at an early age. Three years ago, she set a goal to graduate from high school a year early. She achieves that goal by graduating this spring. She plans to attend community college and the U.S. Air Force Academy. "She is a model of courage and resiliency," school counselor Marilyn Knowlson wrote in her nomination.

From Tongue Point Job Corps Center:

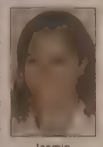
Michael Moynihan is an example of the strength many youth must have to survive and be successful in a difficult environment, said Amanda Reynolds, student activities coordinator. He dropped out of high school at 17, struggled with addictions and legal problems, and lived on the streets of Seattle. But he wanted an education, so he got a job and struggled to study for his GED. He found the answer to his frustrations by enrolling in Job Corps, said Reynolds. He studied graphics communication, was student president and sergeant-at-arms, and was the project leader of the Prevention Network's "Youth Yellow Pages," a resource book for youth. He volunteers with the center's Adopt-a-Highway litter patrol. He earned his GED in June 2002. He attends Clatsop Community College through the center's Advanced Career training program, and hopes to go to law school and become president of the United States.

Moynihan

Jennifer Mini is an accounting student who plans to attend Clatsop Community College. She has overcome many personal challenges, said counselor Lisa Dessen. This is her second time in Job Corps, and she is much more focused and works hard to attain her goals, Dessen commented. She recently won the center's Women's History Month essay. She works to promote a positive image of Job Corps in the community and plans to work on a new newsletter for students. She hopes to study journalism at University of Oregon.

Jennifer Mini

Jasmin Schroder is a shining example of the value of Job Corps and of how anyone, especially a young person, can overcome substantial obstacles for a more positive future, said James Gordon, graphic communications instructor. She was born in Germany to a military family and was 8 when she moved to the United States with her mother. She did not speak English. She moved around a lot and changed schools frequently, and dropped out of school to help her mother financially. Then she joined Job Corps and earned her GED and high school diploma. She has been active in the student government and raised awareness of harassment issues and helped educate the student population of its consequences. She tutored English as a Second Language students and organized several beach and highway cleanup efforts in the Astoria-Warrenton community. She helped produce and publish the Youth Yellow Pages and coloring books distributed to community agencies that work with underprivileged kids. She volunteered at Pioneer House and organized fund-raising events, and worked on a Christmas bazaar to raise money for Astor School.

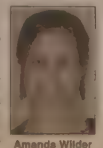


Jasmin Schroder

From Warrenton High School:

Monica Manewal and **Amanda Wilder**, both seniors, volunteered at the Pioneer House. They worked as a team in whatever capacity was needed, including cooking and cleaning, organizing parties, sorting donations and interacting with clients, said manager Teri See. "They were always kind and attentive to our clients and treated everyone with respect," said See, adding that she has rarely seen the dedication and professionalism in teens that these two young women exhibited. Manewal plans to attend Portland State University to earn a master's degree in administration of justice. Wilder plans to go to Southern Oregon University to earn a degree in journalism or film studies and then start a career and family.

Monica Manewal



Amanda Wilder

From Warrenton Grade School:

Josh Fairbanks, an eighth-grader, is involved in the school band, drama, sports and student council and still maintains honor roll grades. Outside of school, he is involved in basketball, martial arts and bowling, rides horses when he gets the chance, and volunteers at Bayshore Animal Hospital once a week. He wants to become a veterinarian for exotic animals when he grows up. Assistant Principal Leila Collier nominated him for the award because of his drive, determination, sense of school spirit, willingness to always help and for thinking outside the box. He has a sense of pride in what he does, takes notice of what needs to be done and either does it or comes up with a plan to have it done, she said.

Josh Fairbanks

From Seaside High School:

Crystal Chandler has relied heavily on her own strengths to get herself to graduation, said school counselor Carolyn Ramey. When family challenges channeled energy away from Crystal to more immediate daily concerns, she learned to develop her own support system. Since 13, she has been active in a theater guild, performing every summer at fairs around the Pacific Northwest. She develops strong and lasting relationships with other teens and adults, Ramey said. At school she participated in theater productions. She is an understanding and supportive friend, is charming, talented and bright, said Ramey. "Her ability to overcome difficulties and succeed with nothing but her own wits makes me a believer in a bright future for her," Ramey said.

Daniel Huong, André Canessa and **Sean Christian** organized the Community Partners Bowling Tournament to raise $1,478 for the Clatsop County Women's Resource Center, Pioneer House and Clatsop Community Action. The money will buy local bus tickets, diapers, prescriptions and pay Oregon Health Plan premiums for local needy people. The teens worked collaboratively throughout the five-month project and were diligent and never dishonored their commitment to the project, said Amy Eaton, volunteer coordinator for the Women's Resource Center. "They are assets to our community and have great potential for positive leadership roles," she said. Huong plans to attend Pacific University and is interested in a career in optometry. Canessa also plans to go to college in Oregon.

Daniel Huong

Andre Canessa

Sean Christian

Chris McCollister was 10 when he enrolled in the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District's afterschool program. He completed the volunteer junior counselor training and volunteered more than 500 hours a year for three years in the afterschool program, summer camps and special events. When he turned 14, the district hired him as a junior camp assistant. Now 15, McCollister continues to excel in his work with the district. "He has a tender heart and levelheaded mind and we can trust that any decisions he makes when dealing with the kids is responsible and sensitive," said Zoe Manhire, recreation program manager. Despite health concerns at home and challenges at school, he is dependable and takes his job seriously.

Aaron Pritchard is a quick witted, astute and self-reliant young man, teacher Tina Hess said. In the past four years, he has gone from being a poor and often misunderstood student to a team player and an asset in the classroom, she noted. "Aaron's progress truly deserves recognition," she stated. After high school, he plans to work for a year to save money for college. He thinks he may major in history or science.

Mark Beatty is a kind, industrious and honest young man, said teacher Tina Hess, and has demonstrated the determination to rise above his circumstances. He nearly failed his first two years of high school but chose to make some changes in his life during his junior and senior years, she said. He not only caught up on his class work but earns As and Bs. He works very hard in school and at a part-time job, according to Hess. He plans to attend Central Oregon Community College next fall and is considering joining the Air Force.

Sam Register has persevered through adversity and personal challenges. He is nearly always upbeat, according to his teachers, who said students and staff appreciate his friendly disposition. After a bad grade point average last year, he challenged

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Thank-you to Lucien Swerdloff

Tongue Point's Computer Service Technician students say thanks to Lucien Swerdloff, Clatsop Community College instructor!

Lucien has made several presentations to students in the vocation about graphic design and computer-aided design. Thanks to Lucien, several students have been able to sit in occasionally on college classes such as computer science and computer graphics.

Student, Charity Haines calls Lucien, "a great instructor. He puts information into an easily understood perspective." David Van Datta, a recent recipient of the A+ certification calls Lucien an "enthusiastic and charismatic instructor."

Randy McClelland, Computer Service Technician instructor, and his students thank Lucien for all the support he provides for their vocation.

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Tongue Point Job Corps COMMUNITY CORNER

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Congratulations to Chef Michael Geurds, Tongue Point's "Unsung Hero!"

Congratulations to culinary arts instructor Chef Michael Geurds ! Chef Michael is Tongue Point's Unsung Hero in recognition of his willingness to work long hours, maintain a positive attitude, support community relations and deliver a new level of "taste" to the Bistro.

The Chef always gives students the credit they deserve and he makes a difference in their lives by expecting the very best from them.

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BRIDGE TO SUCCESS TONGUE POINT JCC

Tongue Point Job Corps COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations to Nan Taranoff, Tongue Point's May "Unsung Hero!"

Congratulations to Tongue Point's Unsung Hero for the month of May, G.E.D. instructor Nan Taranoff.

Tongue Point's Unsung Heroes perform their jobs consistently, dependably, and superbly. We are grateful for Nan's long-term experience, knowledge and dedication.

Thanks to Nan, all of our students who need their GEDs are now earning them. Thanks Nan, for helping our academics program to soar!

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Foundation grant brings arts, music to North Coast students

The Pacificorp Foundation for Learning has made a grant of $4,600 to Liberty Restoration Inc., that will allow area school children to experience three major performing arts events this spring.

The musician Rusty Sabella will perform and conduct a workshop involving instrument demonstrations for grades 5 through 8 on Feb. 8.

Portland Opera Works will bring its new 50-minute version of the popular opera "La Boheme," especially designed for grades 8-12. That day-time performance on March 10 will be followed by an evening performance for the general public.

The Haven Project of Portland will present a theatrical production involving young people from the Tongue Point Job Corps Center on May 21. The Haven Project will also work with local directors and actors. This Portland group's special strength is in using theater as a way to build skills with disadvantaged youth.

"We are thrilled to have this grant from the Pacificorp foundation," said Greg Hamann, president of Clatsop Community College and a director of Liberty Restoration Inc. "My special focus on the Liberty board is our educational mission. I will be talking with area school superintendents about how students can take advantage of the kinds of programs that the Pacificorp Foundation is supporting with this grant."

Residents swarm flu clinic; another walk-in session planned Monday

More than 100 adults and children received flu vaccinations Tuesday at a clinic held at the Clatsop County Health and Human Services Department

The deparment has scheduled another walk-in flu shot clinic for 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at its offices at 820 Exchange

Tuesday's clinic, which served 111 people, was made possible thanks to help from Tongue Point Job Corps Center, which donated 50 dosesof vaccine to the health department and sold it another 50 The department also received 50 vaccines from the state

The county has about 70 vaccines left, and will provide them at the Monday clinic. The department is expecting to obtain more child vaccines in the next few weeks, said immunization coordinator Michelle Standridge

It also anticipates receiving the nasal vaccine, FluMist, although that is available only for healthy people age 5 to 49.

Because of the nationwide shortage of flu vaccine, the shots are reserved only for people in the following high-risk categories

- Anyone 65 or older
- Healthy children 6 to 23 months old
- People of any age (at least 6 months old) with medication conditions that make them at high risk for influenza complications, such as diabetes, kidney dysfunction, immune suppression conditions, regular medical follow-up or hospitalization within the last year and children receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- Women who will be more than 14 weeks pregnant during flu season (typically ending in late March)
- Close contacts of high-risk individuals, including family members and health care workers.

Up-to-date information is available on the Oregon Department of Human Services Web site at www.dhs.state.or.us and the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov, or call the Clatsop County Public Health Information Line at 338-3600, Ext. 4921.

ABOVE: Kathleen Lower smiles to reassure her daughter Ellis, 3, (not pictured) who is next to get her shot, as Ellis' sister 11-month-old Kiley gets her flu shot without flinching. Michelle Standridge, a public health nurse and immunization coordinator for Clatsop County gives her the shot Tuesday afternoon, during a walk-in clinic at the Clatsop County Health and Human Services Department because of a lack of vaccine.

LEFT: During the walk-in clinic at the Clatsop County Health and Human Services Department., there were more people than chairs Tuesday afternoon.

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Tongue Point Honors January Staff Members of the Month

Berta Goicochea,
Residence Advisor

Congratulations to Berta Goicochea! Berta has always been a superb leader. When we need someone to step up and take a supervisory position, she is well qualified for the job. Her customer service skills are topnotch, and students feel that she gives them full attention and honest responses when they speak to her. She always maintains a level of professionalism that is an example to both her coworkers and students. Thanks to Berta for her help, support and constant smile.

Roger Riutta,
Career Transition Services Case Manager

Tongue Point is also proud to recognize Roger Riutta. Roger's calm, quiet demeanor and sense of humor brings stability to the entire center. He is always polite and respectful to students and staff. Roger has the ability to stay focused, achieve results, and overcome adversities on a daily basis. His tenacity and professionalism while interacting with employers, staff and students have resulted in employment for many of our students. Way to go, Roger!

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Congratulations to Tongue Point graduate Nicole Mack!

Nicole arrived at Tongue Point in 2001. Through Tongue Point's Advanced Career Training program, she went on to Clatsop Community College and graduated in June with a 4.0 GPA.

Nicole has recently been awarded Job Corps' Harpers Ferry Scholarship for $1000. She will be using these funds during the next year as she attends the Oregon Institute of Technology, studying dental hygiene.

Congratulations, Nicole! Your hard work is paying off!

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The Healing Circle & Tongue Point Job Corps Center Celebrate a Working Partnership

Back: Margaret Frimoth, Lanetta Yorba, and Jennifer Berg
Front: Dustin Simpson, McLaren Innes, and Pam Korber

Thanks for your Community Service to VOCA Camps!

Together we do make a difference for kids!

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Tongue Point Celebrates July Staff Members of the Month!

Sarah Dielman,
Career Transition Specialist

"A team player, a 'can-do' attitude, a positive role model." All of these phrases, and more, describe Sarah Dielman. She has helped build a new program and developed new systems to better serve our students. She frequently volunteers to help with various activities around the Center, and she consistently maintains an excellent attitude and a professional manner.

John Atkinson,
Maintenance Worker

John Atkinson got his start in 1977 as a residential advisor. He has also worked for Springdale Job Corps Center, and he returned to Tongue Point in 1995.

John pays meticulous attention to detail in the work that he does, and is always willing to jump in and help coworkers. He is a positive role model and has established a good rapport with our students.

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Tongue Point Celebrates April Staff Members of the Month!

Valerie Owenby, *Cook*

Congratulations to Valerie Owenby. Valerie has proven her loyalty and dedication to Center staff and students in many ways, including a perfect attendance record for two years. Her smile and sense of humor are greatly appreciated on the days when things are "just not going according to plan." Her alfredo recipe is so good, her colleagues have given her the name "Queen of Pasta!"

Jackie Lewis,
Dental Assisting Instructor

Congratulations also to Jackie Lewis. Since her first day of hire, Jackie's energy, enthusiasm, can-do attitude and excellent work ethic have had a positive impact on students and staff. Her effective teaching skills have prepared students for life after Job Corps. She has also shown her students the importance of community service by assigning them to work as volunteers on the "Dental Van."

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Tongue Point Celebrates February & March Staff Members of the Month!

Steve Colberg, ***Maintenance Worker***

A big thanks to February's staff member of the month, Steve Colberg. Students consistently compliment Steve on how he positively interacts and works with them. He always keeps the Center looking its best with his work-based learning students. Recently, Steven went above and beyond his job duties by organizing the student smoking-cessation program

Woody Felix, ***Counselor***

Congratulations to Woody Felix, March's staff member of the month, and a special congratulations on 30 years of service in Job Corps! Woody is a dynamic team player, admired for his insight, consistency and reliability. He possesses the ability to make others around him feel calm, even in the most crisis-oriented situations. Whenever he meets with students, they leave feeling cared about, positive and motivated

James Kabush, ***Systems Administrator***

Congratulations also to James Kabush, the second staff member of the month for March. James has a calm, quiet and steadfast approach to problems. Everyone appreciates his sense of humor and admires his never-ending patience and drive to give the best customer service possible

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Tongue Point trio heading to D.C. for leadership conference

Three Tongue Point Job Corps Center students have been selected to attend the sixth annual Partners in Leadership conference in Washington, D.C., this month.

Mesfin Abate, Daniel Arthur and Nicole Cooper will attend the leadership training, which will focus on business etiquette and strategies for meeting with government officials.

In addition, students will likely meet U.S. Rep. David Wu as well as members of Sen. Gordon Smith's and Sen. Ron Wyden's offices at the conference, hosted by Management and Training Corporation.

Of 24 Job Corps centers managed by MTC, about 70 students out of 12,000 were selected to go to Washington D.C.

"We are very excited about attending the leadership conference and the opportunity for our students to meet Congressman Wu," said Nancy Pyburn, Tongue Point Job Corps Center director.

"It is our goal to teach young adults the skills needed to become employable and secure meaningful jobs. Experiences like traveling to our nation's capital help broaden their horizons."

LEFT: Tongue Point Job Corp Center director Nancy Pyburn, front left, is pictured with student Mesfin Abate. Back row: student Daniel Arthur, staff member Tamara Walker and student Nicole Cooper.

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Job Corps Students Selected For Washington DC Leadership Conference

Students to Meet with Oregon Congressman David Wu

July 17, 2006, Astoria, Ore. – Three Tongue Point Job Corps students have been selected to attend the sixth annual "Partners in Leadership" conference located in Washington D.C. from July 24th through the 28th. Hosted by Management & Training Corporation, (MTC) students will have the privilege of meeting with Oregon Congressman David Wu, as well as members from Senator Gordon Smith's and Senator Ron Wyden's office. The following Tongue Point Job Corps students have been selected to receive the leadership training in D.C. which will focus on business etiquette and strategies for meeting with government officials: Mesfin Abate, Daniel Arthur and Nicole Cooper.

"I would like to congratulate the Tongue Point Job Corps students on being selected to participate in the leadership training here in Washington D.C.," said Congressman David Wu. "I look forward to visiting with the students as they are examples of how young people today can take control of their lives through the kind of education and vocational training opportunities Job Corps centers provide."

Of the 24 Job Corps centers managed by MTC, approximately 70 students out of 12,000 were selected to participate in the leadership conference. MTC is the largest single Job Corps contractor with the U.S. Department of Labor. There are a total of Job Corps centers and four satellites nation wide

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About Job Corps

Started in 1964, Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that enables young people ages 16 through 24 to get a better job, make more money, and take control of their lives Students attend Job Corps for up to two years, focusing on academic and vocational training as well as personal and professional skills. Job Corps places a high percentage of students in jobs, the military, or higher education

About Tongue Point Job Corps

Tongue Point Job Corps Center is rich with maritime history. It was first established in 1965 after the Department of Labor took it over from the Navy in 1961 The center was originally built in 1924 as a submarine and destroyer base and also served as a support base for aircraft carriers and a naval reserve fleet lay-up station. Today, the Tongue Point Job Corps Center houses 500 male and female students in many of the original buildings. Several academic and vocational training programs are offered including high school diploma, English as a second language, and a college program through Clatsop Community College Accounting, carpentry, computer technology, culinary arts, medical vocations and seamanship are among the many vocations offered. Tongue Point is the only Job Corps to offer a seamanship vocation. Tongue Point consistently is ranked within the top nation wide

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Harriers hit the sand for beach run

Astoria man takes first place in 10k

by **KATHERINE HEAD - Seaside Signal**
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Kemboi Chesimet had just gotten off the night shift. With no sleep and only a banana for nourishment, the 38-year-old Astoria man took first place in the 40th annual Seaside Beach Run 10k Sunday morning with a time of 38:03.

Originally from Kenya, Chesimet works at Tongue Point Job Corps in Astoria. He finished work at 8 a.m., and the run kicked off at 9 a.m. Chesimet said it was a worthwhile experience.

"The hardest part was the soft sand and the wind at the end, but otherwise it was a great race," he said.

Forty-five runners finished the 10k, and 74 completed the 5k course. Sponsored by the Seaside Downtown Development Association, event coordinator Cheryl Cochran was pleased with the turnout Sunday.

"I had a great time and everything went really well," she said.

Both the 5k and 10k started near Quatat Park. Walkers hit the Prom while runners ran down the beach to the shoreline and endured pavement, soft sand and hard sand.

Katherine Head/Seaside Signal
Kemboi Chesimet crosses the finish line at the 40th annual Seaside Beach Run Sunday morning. Chesimet took first place in the 10k run with a time of 38:03. The event was sponsored by the Seaside Downtown Development Association.

Cochran extended her gratitude to the event volunteers, participants and sponsors who made the beach run a success. Sponsors included Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation, Seaside Aquarium, Pig n'Pancake, New Northwest Broadcasters, and the Holiday Inn Express, Seaside.

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FRIDAY EXCHANGE

Great training

I would like to thank the Tongue Point Job Corps program for the excellent service and training they provided my nephew from Florida over the past year and a half. He enrolled in the maritime program, and worked his way through all of their processes to become a qualified seaman

He is now employed by a large maritime tug boat company out of Seattle, and is earning more than most early career professionals in the area as a result of his training right here in our little town. The Tongue Point staff helped him find this job, and within a week of graduating, he was working on a large tug off the Mexican coast involved in a massive salvage operation.

As he was working his way through the program, he experienced some difficulties. The center director, Nancy Pyburn, and the maritime staff, quickly resolved the issues and he advanced to graduation

So, thank you, Ms. Pyburn and staff, for running a quality program so competently, and for being responsive to the individual needs of your charges. My nephew has also sent his regards from his current posting off the Alaskan coast.

I would encourage other young people in Clatsop County who might be interested in working in the maritime industry to give the Tongue Point program a close look and consider getting involved in a real career-builder

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Nicole Cooper receives honor

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Culinary students give seniors a treat

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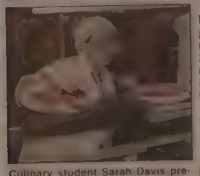
From left are Marge Larson (back to camera), Violet Olson, Audrey Peetow, student Andrew Braaten (server) and Doris Abrahamson, who worked at the Job Corps for 20 years as assistant to the center director.



Culinary student Sarah Davis prepares lunch for visitors

Culinary students from Tongue Point Job Corps Center hosted a group of 20 seniors from the Astoria Senior Center for lunch July 26. The Bistro, a student-run restaurant, offers hands-on training through serving dining customers and preparing entrées. The senior center enjoyed tossed mixed greens with a raspberry vinaigrette dressing, followed by shrimp Wellington with shrimp sauce and potato cakes. Dessert included raspberry pie with vanilla ice cream

From left are Alicia Hippe (student), Marval Dahlen, Hope Goss (student) and Vieno Ojala. Hippe and Goss are volunteers at the Astoria Senior Center.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Utah-based Management & Training Corporation (MTC), operator of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center (TPJCC), has selected student Taylor Keith to receive a $1,000 scholarship to continue her educational pursuits. Keith was nominated for the corporate scholarship by Tongue Point Center Director Nancy Pyburn and three of her instructors.

Keith started at the TPJCC in September 2005, and has completed both the Health Occupations vocation and the Certified Nursing Assistant programs. Keith is currently enrolled in the Advanced Career Training program, where she is working toward becoming an Licensed Practical Nurse.

Taylor Keith

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Job Corps Students Selected For Washington DC Leadership Conference

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CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

Free student backpacks for kindergarten through 2nd grade

Students getting ready to start kindergarten through second grade have been spared of that dreaded trip to buy school supplies Free backpacks, stuffed with supplies, will be handed out to each Clatsop County student grades K-2 courtesy of North Coast Communities in Schools.

The backpacks come from the Warrenton Costco, which donated 900-plus starter supplies. The Bank of Astoria, Seaside branch, donated $500 to purchase additional supplies for the packs.

Volunteers from the community, Job Corps students and "Communities in Schools" board members spent Aug. 16 stuffing the packs so they are ready for the students when they return to school in September. If students already have a backpack, the extras will be offered to children in the higher grades

North Coast Communities in Schools is the local chapter of "Communities in Schools," the largest dropout prevention program in the nation

For more information, call 739-6042.

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By Don Anderson
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I watch from my cot as Cayla grabs onto a friend's hand while she gives blood. She's a little nervous, just like I am

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Both Nagle and I have O-Negative blood, which is fairly rare and is highly desired because it is a universal donor, meaning people with any blood group can receive O-Negative blood, but anyone who is O-Negative can only receive that kind in transfusions. Of the eight blood types,

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Local Communities in Schools board member Tod Jones places a notebook into a backpack held by Tongue Point Job Corps student Priscilla Pheland during last week's annual backpack stuffing project. Below: Program Chair Mark Popkin grabs glue for volunteer Belinda Hartman.

Volunteers stuff 900 backpacks

by KATHERINE HEAD
Seaside Signal

In assembly line fashion, hundreds of children's backpacks were stuffed with supplies last week in preparation for the first day of school.

North Coast Communities in School held its annual backpack stuffing project at Warrenton Grade School Aug. 17. The backpacks will be given to kindergarten through second-grade students throughout Clatsop County.

About 25 students from the Tongue Point Job Corps Accounting Vocation program were on hand to help North Coast Communities in Schools board members and community volunteers complete the task. Because of their involvement, the backpacks were stuffed and ready for delivery in just an hour.

Karna Cupples, executive director of North Coast Communities in Schools said the session was "excellent—the fastest ever."

This is the best group we've ever had," she said. "We've never gotten to sit around and do positives before. This is as involved as we've ever been with the students, and I think it's good for the adults and for the students."

Job Corps instructor Mary Huber said she has participated in the project since 2001. "I am very impressed at how well this went today," she commented. I think this is the best group yet—so organized—talk about teamwork.

In previous years, there were more backpacks to fill—1,000 last year. Costco determines the number of backpacks they donate each year to the program. The 900 this year will accommodate all Clatsop County students in grades K-2, with some left over for middle schoolers.

We call each elementary school in advance to get the number of students. Then on the first day of school, the kids have a backpack waiting for them," Cupples explained. "If some of the students already have a backpack, kids in higher grades will have a chance to get a pack.

The packs are filled with crayons, notebooks, folders, glue, pencils and erasers. Cupples said this year, the organizers needed additional glue sticks, erasers and facial tissue.

"That's why it is so important for people to come through with their donations," she said.

The importance of the backpack project goes beyond the receipt of school supplies. Project chair Mark Pokin noted that the backpacks can eliminate some rivalry among students.

Everybody can feel like they're equal this way," Popkin said.

Last week's backpack stuffing also had a positive affect on those who volunteered their time.

"I had so much fun. This is such a great thing [illegible]

Buchanan said she hopes the backpacks bring comfort to local students.

I had so much trouble when I was younger getting a backpack," she relayed. I would have been so grateful to get one of these. It eliminates part of the whole status thing."

She also expressed her appreciation for all the local businesses and individuals who donated materials for the packs.

"It's really amazing that so many people donate for these backpacks," she said.

Costco of Warrenton donated all the backpacks and starter supplies, while the Bank of Astoria in Seaside gave $500 toward the purchase of supplies.

In addition to the backpack project, North Coast Communities in Schools also runs the Lunch Buddy mentor program. To be a Lunch Buddy for a local student, or to make a donation to the back-

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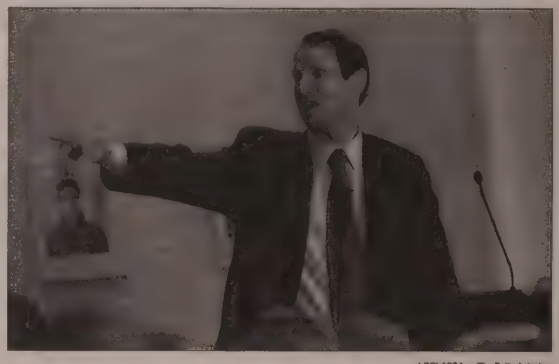

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U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden fields questions about liquefied natural gas and other issues during a town hall meeting at the Kern Room Thursday afternoon.

Also on agenda for residents quizzing Wyden: Health care, taxes, flooding and eavesdropping

Bradwood Landing was not the only topic addressed at the town hall meeting with U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden Thursday

Wyden heard concerns about the rising sea level and flooding in Oregon and said he has tried to get the U.S Senate to cut subsidies to oil companies to free up funds to address the potential problems. He said the Iraq war has also been a drain on federal finances

"I was one of 23 senators who voted against the war in Iraq," he said

Wyden spoke out in support of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center and sympathized with their rising health care costs

He said the federal government spends $1.8 trillion on health care every year, and when you divide it among the 290 million people in the U.S it averages out to about $25,000 per family

"We're spending enough," he said. "We're just not spending it in the right places."

Wyden said he is co-sponsoring a budget resolution for 2007 to allow U.S. Health and Human Services to "bargain" for better prices on prescriptions it buys in bulk through Medicare

He warned that TABOR, Oregon ballot Measure 48, could prevent state investment in Clatsop Community College if it passes. TABOR would slow spending on schools, senior services, courts, universities and roads to the rate of state population growth plus inflation.

Wyden invited state Sen. Betsy Johnson to report on her role in securing funds for the college's new campus. In 2005, Johnson helped the college secure $7.5 million from the Oregon Legislature

"I have every intention to go back and ask for more," she told the crowd.

In response to a comment about Oregon's parental notification ballot Measure 43, Wyden said there should be a provision for minors who have unsafe home environments

When asked about his views on federalizing the Army National Guard, Wyden said he wants the states "to be in the lead," but he fears there will be people "pressuring us to bring back the draft" if the federal government doesn't get the manpower it needs for national defense

The National Defense Authorization Act, which Congress will address in its next session, proposes to give the president the power to take control of state-run Army National Guard units in an emergency without the states' consent

Wyden said he does not support warrantless electronic surveillance by the National Security Agency, he defended his vote to prevent torture of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, and he expressed concern over habitat management on the Klamath River that has been blamed for the low salmon runs this year.

Wyden helped secure $73 million in federal funds for the fishing industry in Oregon, California and Washington by asking for a disaster declaration

He also said he and Republican Sen. Gordon Smith both support establishing a National Heritage Area in the Lower Columbia region.

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New culinary arts center is in the oven

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Construction workers test pilings that will support the state-of-the-art, 17,000 square-foot culinary arts building at Tongue Point Job Corps Center Tuesday.

Tongue Point Job Corps starts construction of its biggest project ever

By KARA HANSEN
The Daily Astorian

Most days, students in the Tongue Point Job Corps Center's culinary arts program surround their instructor as he slaves over the grill to demonstrate the latest in food preparation.

Soon they'll do it themselves.

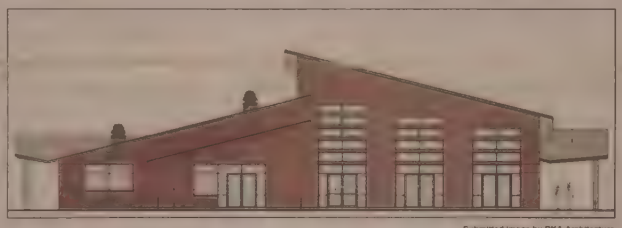
Administrators hope culinary arts training at the one-time U.S. Navy base will rival the esteemed programs of Western Culinary Institute by next summer, with modern features such as instructional mirrors, individual work stations and computers for research.

Workers started construction of the 17,000-square-foot building – a long-awaited $4.5 million project – in July.

"This is going to benefit students because it's going to give them the same training they would get at a very high-priced culinary school," said Nancy Pyburn, Tongue Point Job Corps Center director. The current building, "is a make-do facility that's been making do for a long time."

A facilities evaluation in 2000 first identified the need for improvement, said Ron Airing, the center's finance and administration director. The U.S. Department of Labor granted the money last year.

"There hasn't been a project this big at Tongue Point for the 40 years it's been open," Airing said. And most of the buildings have existed longer than the local Job Corps center. They were built for the Navy in the late 1930s. "The Department of Labor is continuing to invest in Tongue Point to keep it a state-of-the-art facility."



Submitted image by DKA Architecture

One view of the new culinary arts and dining facility planned at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

The federally funded job-training and education program annually enrolls about 65,000 people nationwide, mostly economically disadvantaged youths, to learn about industries such as culinary arts, health occupations, construction and seamanship.

Tongue Point's 500 students live in dorms and eat for free at the campus dining hall, part of the culinary arts facility. The cafeteria often becomes congested, said Airing, and staff members also eat there. The new building should eliminate much of the bottleneck and could decrease the number of necessary lunch periods, he said. Right now, students eat meals in two shifts.

> *The new building will also bring the center in line with Job Corps' preferred food-court model.*

"Once we get the new facility up and operating we may be able to reduce that," Airing said. "That would add time to the training day for the students, which is why they're here to get training."

The new building will also bring the center in line with the Job Corps' preferred food-court model, he said, with individual tables distributing various items.

"That kind of frees up the whole area and really helps with the flow of the student population to be able to go through the serving area," he said. "Also, it's a lot more pleasant environment to be getting your food in, instead of standing in a long line."

But equally important, Airing said, is the new facility's ability to offer cutting-edge training to students working toward jobs in food service.

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The old space will be used for storage, administrators said, but could eventually offer a more convenient location for student health and wellness services, now located near the center's entrance, farther from the campus dorms.

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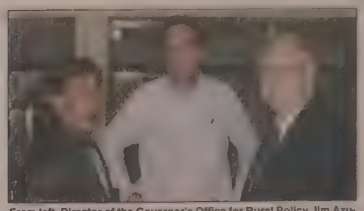

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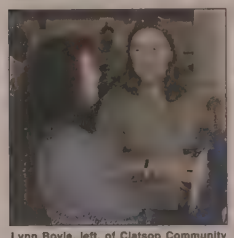

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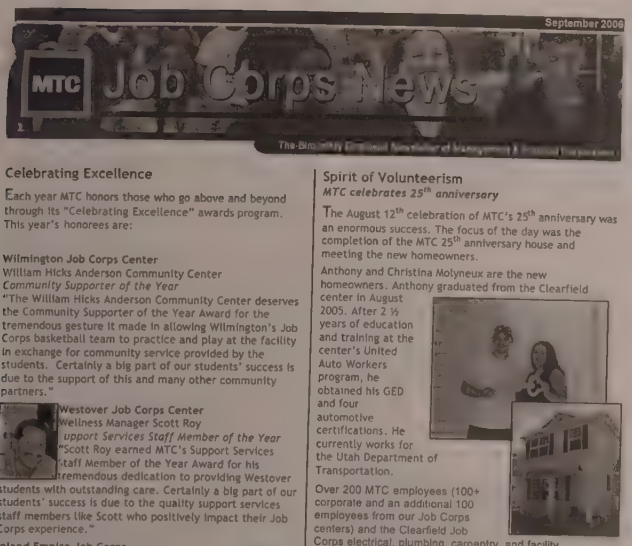

Celebrating Excellence

Each year MTC honors those who go above and beyond through its "Celebrating Excellence" awards program. This year's honorees are:

Wilmington Job Corps Center
William Hicks Anderson Community Center
Community Supporter of the Year
"The William Hicks Anderson Community Center deserves the Community Supporter of the Year Award for the tremendous gesture it made in allowing Wilmington's Job Corps basketball team to practice and play at the facility in exchange for community service provided by the students. Certainly a big part of our students' success is due to the support of this and many other community partners."

Westover Job Corps Center
Wellness Manager Scott Roy
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Inland Empire Job Corps
Culinary Arts Instructor David Bowser
Educator of the Year

David Bowser is certainly a big part of our students' success at Inland Empire due to the quality of instruction they receive from him and their many other instructors. Chef Bowser has an uncanny knack for inspiring trainees to believe in themselves. He is dedicated to the mission of training these young adults so they can be successful, tax-paying, productive citizens."

Denison Job Corps Center
Recreation Supervisor Dan Fastje
roup Life Staff Member of the Year
Dan is flexible. He can pull off almost any activity with little or no notice, and does it without complaining. Dan is also willing to work on Sunday if necessary. He works along side the recreation staff to take trips, play games and supervise the gym or recreation hall. He always ensures our students are having fun and being safe while doing it."

Spirit of Volunteerism

MTC celebrates 25th anniversary

The August 12th celebration of MTC's 25th anniversary was an enormous success. The focus of the day was the completion of the MTC 25th anniversary house and meeting the new homeowners.

Anthony and Christina Molyneux are the new homeowners. Anthony graduated from the Clearfield center in August 2005. After 2 ½ years of education and training at the center's United Auto Workers program, he obtained his GED and four automotive certifications. He currently works for the Utah Department of Transportation.

Over 200 MTC employees (100+ corporate and an additional 100 employees from our Job Corps centers) and the Clearfield Job Corps electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and facility maintenance students and staff shared their expertise in building and furnishing the house. Several Ogden City businesses also donated supplies and services.

National Job Corps Association (NJCA) 4-star Program Perfection is habit forming

For the sixth consecutive quarter, all 25 Job Corps centers MTC operates – or partners in operating – earned at least four stars in the National Job Corps Association (NJCA) 4-star program. Centers earn stars by carrying out various outreach activities with the community, media, and policymakers.

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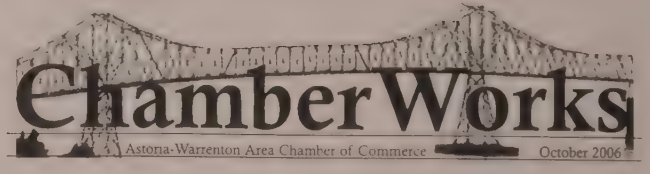

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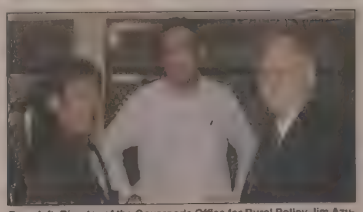

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In the Spotlight

Annual MTC Job Corps Student Leadership Conference Again a Success

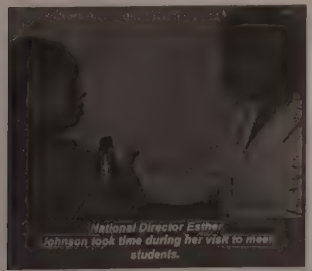
by Carl Stuart

More than 50 student leaders from MTC's 25 Job Corps centers spent a busy week in Washington DC, July 24-27, 2006.

Students - along with nearly a hundred support staff - learned leadership skills, heard from the Job Corps National Director, toured our nation's capitol and met with their congressional representatives. The activities were all part of Management & Training Corporation's annual Student Leadership Conference.

"This is one of the most important conferences MTC hosts each year," said Sr. Vice President of Training Programs John Pedersen. "We gather our most positive center leaders...teach them everything we know about effective leadership...and then challenge them to share the skills with other students when they return to their centers."

Organizational Development Director Scott Kimball shared a number of leadership and personal strength exercises with students. One of the highlights came when Kimball asked each student to break a board with their bare hand. The exercise is designed to teach students how to focus energy and not be discouraged by obstacles.



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Students also joined their center directors and MTC corporate staff for the annual Job Corps awards banquet.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center
Partners with public radio

Students at Tongue Point Job Corps and KMUN, a public radio station located on the Oregon Coast in Astoria, are building upon a two-year relationship that enables students to reach out to the community and support public radio.

Students help support the radio program by hosting two special pledge-drive broadcasts per year which help raise additional funding for the station.

The partnership began shortly after KMUN covered a story highlighting what life is like as a new immigrant in America, and included English as a Second Language (ESL) students from Job Corps. Tariku Sahele, a medical assistant student now at the University of Washington, came to Job Corps from Ethiopia and was interviewed for the story. Offline he expressed to the radio staff how wonderful it would be if Job Corps students could broadcast their own show.

Not long after, Terry Wilson, KMUN Chief Engineer, took Sahele up on the idea and there blossomed a monthly student program. Job Corps students develop stories on a variety of topics including how Job Corps has changed their life.

"We are delighted with the work the students accomplish with KMUN," said Nancy Pyburn, Center Director for Tongue Point Job Corps.

Attention!!

Update your calendar

Please make note that [illegible] Technical Training Conference and the MTC Career Success Standards (CSS) Conference scheduled to take place this fall have been postponed until further notice. Watch for an update from the Corporate Office Training Programs department.

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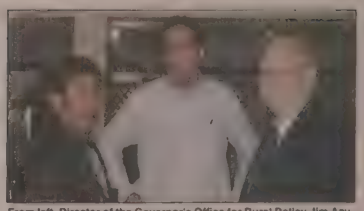

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Clearfield Job Corps Center
A life changing experience

Submitted by Sunny Pattillo
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My name is Marcus Robinson, Clearfield Job Corps student. When I heard that our center had the opportunity to submit an article to the MTC newsletter, I jumped at the chance to share my perspective and my appreciation for the life changing experience MTC provided to me. Buckle up as Rachel Ball and I take you on our week-long journey of DC...

Marcus: So Rachel last month when you and I had the opportunity to attend the Leadership Conference in Washington DC, what are the top five things you learned?

Marcus Robinson and Rachel Ball meet National Job Corps Director Johnson (center).

Rachel: I learned so much. First, I learned about other Job Corps Centers, how each one is surprisingly structured permanently and has a variety of programs.

Meeting the Senators and Congressmen was an unbelievably positive experience. Not only do they support the Job Corps program, but I felt like I was personally supported by them.

I realize that I am so fortunate for not only having the chance enroll in a program like Job Corps or even to attend the Leadership Conference, but appreciated the chance to visit Washington DC. I believe all Americans should have this opportunity.

Wear comfortable shoes when trekking around Capitol Hill and last, but not least, don't follow Center Director, Mr. Dean Hoffman around DC or trust when he says, "Oh, it's just one more block."

Marcus: Yes, I agree, Washington DC was an amazing time. I also came away from the experience with a new perspective on Job Corps staff. For example, a lot of students might think that their Center Directors are unapproachable, intimidating or might not care about the students personally. But I was able to spend a lot of time with our Center Director Dean Hoffman. I realized that Dean is a great person with a down to earth personality and that he does care about all of us as individuals.

I'm thankful to MTC for being leaders and putting this conference together. I'm thankful for Esther R. Johnson to share her perspective, time and effort to hear our concerns and questions. I'm thankful that Job Corps has committed staff. But, I'm most thankful to be on the path to life-long learning and success.

Charleston Job Corps Center
A story of courage

Charleston Job Corps Center is working with the WV Human Rights Commission, American Electric Power Company, WV Air National Guard and WV State University to host former POW Shoshana Johnson.

Ms. Johnson has signed a book deal to write about her life and 22 days of captivity after she and five other members of her Fort Bliss unit were captured early in war.

Johnson has also indicated that she will give credit to the Marines who found her and her fellow soldiers.

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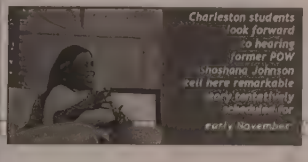

Charleston students look forward to hearing former POW Shoshana Johnson tell here remarkable story behind her abduction for early November.

Keystone Job Corps
Students graduate from Surgical Technology Program

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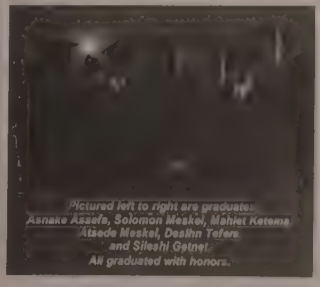

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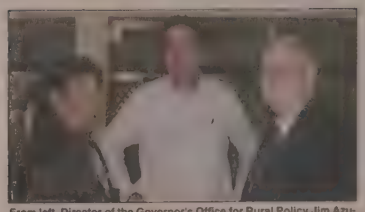

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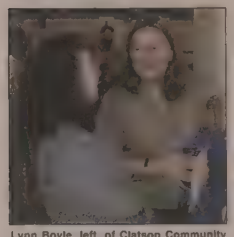

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CHARLESTON
Mildred Lewis, *career preparation instructor*

CINCINNATI
Precious Adams, *counselor*
Kathryn Krimmer, *senior accounting clerk*

CLEARFIELD
Michele Wieland, *career preparation counselor*

DAYTON
Renee Kinlock, *Senior residential advisor*

DENSION
Deborah Flink, *vocational instructor*

FLINT HILLS
Mechille Bauer, *human resources assistant*
Felicia Jackson, *career development specialist*
Katie Lovewell, *counseling manager*
Karon Malone, *group life secretary*
Jeremy McCammant, *counselor*
Mary Weifringer *OA/CTS assistant*

GARY
Brian Arrant, *career preparation counselor*
Tiffany Byas, *systems administrator*
Guadal Castillo, *maintenance technician*
Rachel Esquivel, *business & community liaison*
Roy Hernandez, *residential living supervisor*
Thelma Howard , *career preparation counselor*
Kimberl Springfield, *career transition supervisor*
Andrea Watson, *career preparation instructor*
Ennis Williams, *vocational training instructor*

HAWAII
Donno Ballard, *residential living supervisor*
Andrea Ciro, *career transition specialist*

INLAND EMPIRE
Duncan Nyabito, *admissions counselor*
Tanya Percell, *secretary*
Gregory Trammel, *CD case manager*

KEYSTONE
Richard Bognar, *safety specialist*
David Fisher, *senior cook*
George Spalde, *maintenance supervisor*

KITTRELL
Elaine Matthews, *senior career transition specialist*
Barry Kinyon, *senior academic instructor*

PHILADELPHIA
Teressa Cornaldi, *career preparation instructor*

RED ROCK
Pamela Dehn, *center standards manager*
Matthew Karchner, *recreation supervisor*

SIERRA NEVADA
George Chandler, *vocational training supervisor*
Martin Salas, *residential advisor*
Rachel Troth, *senior residential advisor*

SPRINGDALE
Jessica Hall, *career counselor*

TONGUE POINT
Nadi Campbell Davis, *nursing supervisor*
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WESTOVER
Allison Niejadlik, *career counseling manager*

WILMINGTON
Georgina Buchanan, *purchasing specialist*
Marcia Harden, *food services supervisor*
Marvin Jones, *senior cook*

Making a Difference

Bruce Brown
Health Occupations Instructor
Springdale Job Corps Center

"Without my excellent instructor, I would have never gotten to the point that I am now. He gave me hope to get through my hard times and finish. Bruce helped me a lot with clinicals, school work, everything in general. If it weren't for him I would not be here. I couldn't ask for better. Bruce is the best."

Angelica Fletes, student

"Bruce is what I like to call a gentle giant! He's a tall guy with a big heart. He has always been supportive of me, helped me in every single way a teacher can, and for a while was like a second dad when mine was gone. If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be finishing. I want to say thank you for everything you've done Bruce!"

Tawnya Mair, student

Roxy Ilae
Dorm Coordinator
Hawaii Job Corps Center

"One of the staff at Hawaii Job Corps who has helped me a lot is Roxy Ilae. She has been like a second mother to me and to everyone else in the dorm. She treated us like we were her kids. She was always there to hear me out when I had difficulties with trade and family. I know deep down in my heart that I can always count on her to be there like a friend, dorm coordinator and like a mother. She also spared time just to talk and get to know what my plans were for the future. She would make me feel good about myself every time I accomplished something. Sometimes when I felt worthless, she gave me advice that made me think of the many things I can do with my experience that I have now. She inspired me to do bigger and better things and to never give up. She's made a difference in my life."

Torrie McKeague, trainee

Ginger Martin
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"Ginger Martin helped me to improve my skills and entire test in the trade. She encouraged me to be more open, have confidence, stay motivated, and have dignity. She even helped me get a better job, budget my money and get my apartment. She was like a mother, sister, and everything to me whenever I had problems or needed help. She does the same for all of the trainees in Health Occupations class. I will never forget her."

Darlette Delemel, trainee

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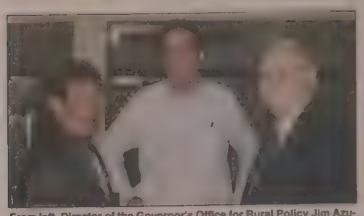

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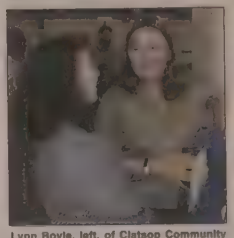

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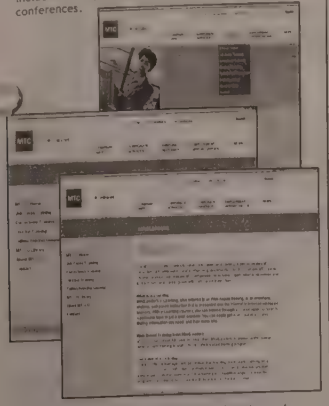
- MindLeaders -- course offerings that prepare participants to achieve organizational objectives and to reach personal career goals
- SIMON -- Staff Instructional Management Online Network (SIMON), A National Office program to inform, train, and develop Job Corps staff
- MTC developed counseling and residential advisor programs for new and seasoned employees

In the MTCCU library you'll find summaries of the latest MTC-recommended management books. You'll also find lesson plans and information for staff training on topics such as: dealing with change, conflict resolution, diversity, and teambuilding. There's no need to search for your notes from an MTC conference, as the library includes Powerpoint presentations from our most recent conferences.



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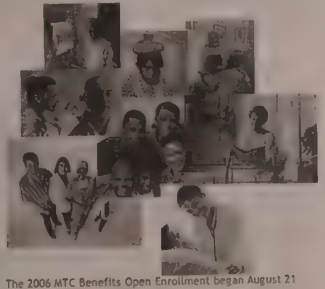

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Minor changes are being implemented to help keep the plan affordable for both you and your family. We are pleased to announce the positive changes that will enhance the design of the plan. Just attend the open enrollment meetings to find out about these positive changes.

This is the time when you have the opportunity to review your current benefits selections and make changes if needed. Don't put off investigating benefits you don't understand, go to the open enrollment meetings. Also, if you don't understand a certain benefit; Ask! If you don't understand it, most likely someone else in the room doesn't understand it.

Don't wait until the deadline to turn in your paperwork. The plan year changes take effect on November 1, 2006.

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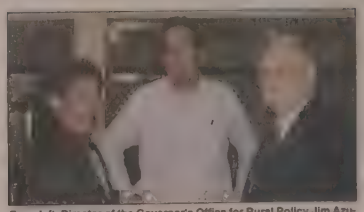

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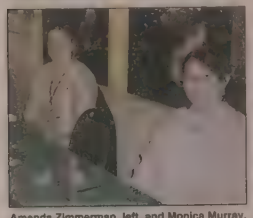

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Hawaii	1	1	1	30	4	88	95	26	3	2	15
Tongue Point	9	14	23	28	30	12	28	44	45	13	71
Cascades	12	8	55	53	39	10	55	13	14	41	28
Springdale	14	15	41	42	47	7	7	74	38	36	76
Denison	16	9	17	40	32	32	37	66	57	79	51
Clearfield	27	29	61	46	49	27	30	81	30	58	8
Dayton	27	27	24	30	10	37	53	85	61	115	104
Inland Empire	34	7	47	11	15	108	115	75	62	27	65
Cincinnati	39	38	7	80	65	19	42	55	63	117	108
Atlanta	40	54	2	75	61	38	44	99	91	113	85
Paul Simon	41	51	10	71	60	78	79	47	49	84	62
Long Beach	42	35	60	23	27	70	89	88	75	75	19
Keystone	49	2	69	35	44	85	107	45	105	42	101
Sierra Nevada	56	20	97	83	84	74	57	35	33	14	23
Charleston	58	49	79	36	22	25	60	50	88	95	103
Flint Hills	64	42	49	58	81	51	63	102	87	47	107
Red Rock	72	56	77	26	36	48	71	94	99	111	69
Cleveland	80	16	75	107	105	94	77	103	55	88	78
Philadelphia	94	115	112	111	98	18	4	54	24	30	74
Kittrell	95	69	80	91	104	74	83	116	82	100	33
Gary	101	109	107	95	94	39	25	115	71	82	35
Brunswick	102	110	102	115	112	46	24	98	40	94	52
Westover	103	79	109	94	85	117	113	77	77	91	89
Wilmington	119	121	117	121	122	121	43	16	116	24	1

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UTAH	3	23	6	27	7	8	9
Hawaii	4	16	56	63	2	1	13
Sierra Nevada	6	65	77	30	31	7	1
Philadelphia	9	59	12	5	18	23	53
Nor. Virginia DC	10	38	17	9	26	11	38
Brunswick	18	52	21	24	16	15	71
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Inland Empire	68	55	61	72	51	14	67
Oneonta	71	61	79	80	14	66	25
Atlanta	76	80	59	54	78	73	75
Wilmington	77	37	72	64	80	71	16

Outreach and Admissions
Stats for August 1, 2005 – July 31, 2006

Center	Overall	Female	Total Arrival	90-Day Commitment
Sierra Nevada	1	1	1	36
Long Beach	3	N/A	3	15
Philadelphia	4	3	4	58
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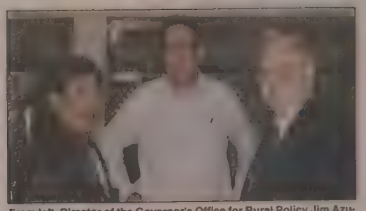

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Amanda Zimmerman, left, and Monica Murray, both accounting students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Lynn Boyle, left, of Clatsop Community Action talks with State Rep. Deborah Boone.

Job Corps students host reception

Tongue Point Job Corps Center students hosted a reception that kicked off the quarterly meeting of the Governor's Office for Rural Policy, held in September in Astoria.

Office director JIM AZUMANO, a former Clatsop County administrator, works with the 14-person Rural Policy Advisory Committee to identify how state agencies, the Legislature and businesses can strengthen the economic and social health of the state's rural communities.

"The rural economy is important to Gov. (Ted) Kulongoski, and the development of the students' skills will enable them to contribute and create new economic opportunities," said Azumano.

The local Job Corps center houses 500 students, offering education and training to help them obtain secure careers.

"It was important for committee members to hear the students' stories about rural life," said Tongue Point Job Corps Center Director NANCY PYBURN. "Our students were excited and proud to host this event."

Flint Hills	32	38	18	46
Gary	37	18	40	63
Wilmington	58	40	57	65
UT/MT	67	68	65	25
Oneonta	75	72	74	75

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Inlandboatmen's Union Regional Director Visits Tongue Point Job Corps

Hawaii's New Regional Director Discusses The Industry's Needs For Qualified Workers; Job Corps Students Eager To Supply Demand

Warren B. Ditch Jr., the newly elected Inlandboatmen's Union Director for the Hawaii Region, recently came to Oregon and paid a visit to the Seamanship Vocation at Tongue Point Job Corps, in Astoria. As part of the visit, Ditch talked to students about the Maritime Industries increasing need for qualified workers and encouraged the Tongue Point students to seize the advantage they have through the Job Corps program.

"A high percentage of the current mariners are approaching retirement age," said Ditch. "The industry is working hard to recruit to fill the employment needs. One way we are combating the employee deficit is to team up with Job Corps."

Students who enroll in the Seamanship vocation at Tongue Point Job Corps are able to save money and significantly reduce the time it takes, from up to five years, down to one-and-a-half years, to obtain the endorsements required by the United States Coast Guard to work in the maritime industry. On average, a person desiring to break into the Maritime industry would need to acquire a qualified Original Merchant Mariners Document (MMD) with one of the following ratings: Able Seaman (AB), Lifeboatman (LBMAN), or Qualified Member of the Engine Department (QMED) (or both). In addition, 720 days experience at sea needs to be logged. The MMD certifies individuals to work in the shipboard merchant marine industry. All mariners employed aboard U.S. merchant vessels greater than 100 Gross Register Tons (Domestic Tonnage) are required to have a valid U.S. Merchant Mariner's Document (MMD).

"At Job Corps students can complete the MMD in both the AB and QMED ratings in a year-and-a-half to two years, where otherwise out in the industry it could take up to three to five years to get that much sea time to even apply for a job at the QMED or AB level," said Patrick Albers, Seamanship Program Director.

Entry-level careers in the maritime industry pay approximately $40,000 per year. Currently, Tongue Point Job Corps has 44 students enrolled in the Seamanship Vocation and graduates 22-25 on average per year. Tongue Point's Seamanship program has been certified by the U.S. Coast Guard since 1983 and it is the only Job Corps of 122 nationwide that offers the training. The program is operated by the Inlandboatman's Union of the Pacific in conjunction with Management & Training Corporation and is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Job Corps, and the IBU.

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Pink ribbons help support cancer programs

Today isn't any casual Friday at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

While the dress code doesn't usually allow students to wear jeans, today they could by purchasing a pink ribbon for $1. Staff had the same opportunity for $5.

The ribbons benefit Women's Cancer Programs of the Entertainment Industry Foundation, and funds will be used to support breast cancer research, specifically projects aimed at early detection of the disease. The money will also help accelerate treatment research and increase patient access to clinical trials, according to the local Job Corps center.

It's Tongue Point students' first year participating in the event, offered for two decades as Lee National Denim Day. And the local center has created its own twist: A T-shirt decorating contest will give students a chance to celebrate their fundraising accomplishments and further the message of the importance of early detection.

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Lee NATIONAL DENIM DAY

Tongue Point Job Corps Wears Denim for a Cause

Students & Employees participate in Lee National Denim Day®, the largest single-day fundraiser for the fight against breast cancer

Astoria, Ore. Monday, October 3, 2006 – October 6 won't be any ordinary casual Friday at Tongue Point Job Corps. The denim worn on this day will not only be worn for comfort, but it will also make a powerful statement for an important cause. As Lee National Denim Day moves into its second decade, Tongue Point Job Corps is gearing up to participate in their first year of the grassroots program which has raised more than $61 million for breast cancer research.

Participants are encouraged to wear denim in exchange for a $5 donation to the Women's Cancer Programs of the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF). Funds will be used to support a groundbreaking scientific project to detect breast cancer in its earliest stage. They will also help accelerate treatment research and increase patient access to some of the most significant clinical trials in the nation, as well as support grassroots programs across the country.

"I've done this every year for the past five years at my previous job downtown at MTC Works and I'm glad to be doing it again this year at Job Corps," said Carla Pitts, Tongue Point Job Corps Career Transition Specialist. "I lost my sister to breast cancer five years ago on Mother's Day and my sister-in-law has been living with it for the past 10 years and managing her cancer with experimental treatment made possible by research funding by programs like this."

Tongue Point Job Corps will put their own twist to Lee National Denim Day by organizing a T-shirt decorating contest to commemorate their fundraising accomplishments and further the message of the importance of early detection. Tongue Point Job Corps students pay one dollar and receive a pink ribbon and get to wear denim for a day; staff pay $5 to participate in the fundraiser and wear denim.

EIF is committed to saving lives by raising awareness about the importance of early detection of breast and reproductive cancers, and providing funds to advance early detection and treatment research, as well as support to community programs that assist the millions of women and their families at risk of or affected by cancer.

Through EIF's National Women's Cancer Research Alliance and EIF's Revlon Run/Walk For Women, EIF funds some of the most promising research being conducted today to develop new and more effective approaches to the treatment of women's cancers. EIF grants have helped accelerate research that has contributed to the development of a breakthrough gene treatment called Herceptin®, the first successful drug that seeks out a particular gene found in one of three cases of the most aggressive form of breast cancer. EIF grants have also supported other state-of-the-art therapies bringing new and innovative treatment approaches to breast cancer worldwide.

More recently, EIF launched its Women's Cancer Research Fund. Focused on early detection of cancer, the initiative is supporting EIF's Breast Cancer Biomarker Discovery Project – an ambitious, groundbreaking scientific project where a group of internationally recognized scientists and clinicians from some of the best scientific institutions in the world are collaborating to develop a blood test that will detect breast cancer in its beginning stages, when survival rates are highest. For questions about EIF's women's cancer programs and information about breast cancer, visit eifoundation.org or call 800-426-0010.

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Rain marks start of race

Streams of runners and walkers, more than 2,100 in total, crossed the Astoria Bridge on Sunday in the 25th annual Great Columbia Crossing event.

Great Columbia Crossing celebrates 25 years

By CASSANDRA PROFITA

W... the runners to take off from ... Great Columbia Crossing race on Sunday?

Along with the last stragglers from the bathrooms, the rain joined a crowd of ...

"It started almost exactly as the race was set to begin," said event organizer ...

... mile, event could not begin until the wet ... complete the challenge of crossing the Astoria Bridge on foot.

This year, Wonder Woman took the challenge and, despite some wardrobe issues, she made a good showing with a time of 57 minutes.

"My cape got in the way and it slowed me down," said Amy Ware of Milwaukie, who dressed up in an elaborate super hero costume with a red cape and bodice and shiny red socks pulled up to look like boots. "But I flew across the finish line."

... among participants in the event as she pushed her husband, John Moffit, up the shipping channel in a wheelchair with their dog, Bodie, in tow.

"They weren't predicting rain for today," said Overmyer. "That made it a little more challenging."

Sarah Salerno, a nurse at Columbia Memorial Hospital, crossed the bridge for her seventh time with a bag of pink ribbons to pass out for breast cancer awareness. ...

"I snuck her into the shuttle," she admitted. "She comes with me every year."

Tongue Point Job Corps Center instructor Jason Labrado also crossed for a cause, sporting a Western Oregon Waste T-shirt and a cape with a pro-recycling message.

... ed, crossing the bridge was just another stamp in a book where they record the hundreds and even thousands of miles they've completed. The international Volkssport organization offers ... tificates as incentives to "get off the ...

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CASSANDRA PROFITA — The Daily Astorian

Spencer Walsh, the first runner across the finish line in the Great Columbia Crossing race Sunday, took a wrong turn after coming off the Astoria Bridge and did not qualify for first place. Instead, officials added 1:15 to his time, which still put him second overall behind Cheelmet Kembol of Astoria.

Tongue Point culinary students cook up the clam chowder

... the finish line in Astoria, the hotel rewards them for their effort with a ... provide that service, so student ... the Job Corps culinary arts program ...

... and walkers arrived at the starting gate, seven young chefs were already ...

... Anthony, Krystina Cummins, Gary Konoe, Mikayla Ross, Tim Nelson and Andrew Brassen started washing 150 pounds of potatoes for the chowder Tuesday. They spent days chopping them into quarter-inch cubes, which they stored in 40 five-gallon buckets. "I just started seeing potatoes ... DelaCruz.

The students used a new recipe for the chowder with some new ingredients, such as "dill, mustard ...

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Chowder: Large kitchen equipment needed

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Cooking for 2,100 people involved some large kitchen equipment, including a steam kettle that stands nearly five feet tall and several feet in diameter. "We had to use a stirring whisk that was four-and-a-half feet long," said DelaCruz.

Altogether, the students made 300 gallons of chowder, with five students stepping up on Saturday evening to make the last 60 gallons.

"The kids just jumped in," said ... executive director of the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce. "We needed another batch, and they were running out of time. They made 60 gallons last night."

After cooking the hearty soup, the students served it up to the thousands of people who arrived cold and wet to the finish line.

"It seemed like the line would never end," said Anthony.

When the crowd cleared, the students sat down to enjoy their first full bowls of the special recipe, invented this year by the new culinary arts instructor Pamela Mattson McDonald, and a few last crossing participants passed by with their empty bowls.

"Great chowder," they said as they left.

"Thanks," the students said in unison.

"It's so nice to hear that," said DelaCruz.

Then Ralph Brown, an emcee and organizer for the event, walked by.

"Now you have to figure out how to get the line to move faster," he said.

Cassandra Profita

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Woman finds Astoria a great escape after growing up on prison islands

LEFT: Sharon Haller lives in Astoria with her attorney husband Don Haller and works at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center's career center.

SANDRA SWAIN — The Daily Astorian

Everyday people — Getting to know your neighbors

Sometimes home can seem like a prison to a child. In Sharon Haller's case, home really was a prison. Her father, Robert Weir, worked for the federal prison service.

These days, Haller, 61, lives in Astoria with her attorney husband Don Haller, and several cats, and works at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center's career center. Her two sons, Zach and Ian Walter, live in the Astoria area, and her stepson, Michael Haller, lives in Ashland.

But when she was growing up, Haller and her two younger sisters spent an idyllic childhood on McNeil Island, near Tacoma, Wash. Now a prison for violent sex offenders, in those days McNeil was a federal farm camp.

The bad guys were all locked up, Haller said, and the minimum-custody inmates drove the school bus, painted houses, collected the trash, worked on the prison's cattle ranch and grew a lot of the food. One inmate even delivered ice to the Weirs' home for their ice box. Modern appliances were slow to come to the island, which even now is accessible only by boat.

"It was almost self-sufficient. Everyone had a job," Haller said. "Even an old lifer ... bucket ...

... a tiny swimming pool. The children ran around on the beach, harvesting clams, oysters and fish. Haller's father caught salmon. They went on camping trips in the forest. "It was wonderful. We had the run of the place," Haller said.

... "We went from all of that to ... Alcatraz, the island prison off San Francisco.

There was hardly any dirt on Alcatraz, Haller remembered. What dirt there was had been brought in by boat to the former military installation. The employees' houses were on the old parade ground and they were so antiquated they had DC electricity instead of AC, no phones, and her mother had to use a wringer washer. People had little patches of dirt around their houses, but the wind was so ferocious, nothing would grow.

Their first night at Alcatraz they were camping out in ...

... "I was grounded for a long time," she said.

Haller: She was there for famous escape

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Inmates at Alcatraz were the worst of the worst. ...

... scared when I wasn't at Alcatraz. There, all the bad guys were locked up," Haller explained.

... shafts that they had used stolen spoons to widen. They had left dummies in ...

... try on the baking racks," she said.

Sandra Swain

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In One Ear

Additional Tongue Point students are volunteering their services for national "Make a Difference Day" this Saturday. The event was created by USA Weekend magazine, and Tongue Point students have participated for years, according to the local Job Corps center.

This weekend, students will work on a landscaping project somewhere in downtown Astoria, while others host a children's carnival with food from the local "Smokin' Eagles" barbecue team for client families of Clatsop Community Action. In addition, some will lead a computer workshop, teaching basic and Internet skills for the Clatsop County Women's Resource Center and the Rescue Mission.

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Job Corps culinary arts students, from left, Sarah Davis, Kat Peters and Shawn Roberts show food they helped prepare for the Astoria Senior Center open house.

Job Corps appetizers make open house

The Astoria Senior Center's open house Wednesday offered live music, an arts and crafts sale and plenty of food. Tongue Point Job Corps Center culinary arts students catered the event under new head chef PAMELA MATTSON McDONALD, providing an array of appetizers for the seniors.

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Astoria Senior Center open house guests enjoy appetizers served by Tongue Point Job Corps students, from left, Chris Tracey, Chantelle Stebbins, Shannon Shaeffer and Jennifer Boyd.

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Tongue Point Job Corps students plant trees for beautification of the former Safeway store in downtown Astoria. A community work day is scheduled for Saturday at the site.

Help beautify downtown Astoria

The city of Astoria and the Clatsop County Master Gardener Program invites interested citizens and budding gardeners to help with the beautification of the new Downtown Square. A community work day is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday,Oct 14

This activity will be the final step in beautifying the site formerly occupied by the Astoria Safeway store.

The City Parks Department and Tongue Point Job Corps students are filling 54 planters with trees and soil, but the final plantings will be done all in one day, with assistance from the Master Gardeners

This opportunity will not only provide an educational experience for those wanting to learn more about container planting and plant materials, but will also serve as qualifying volunteer hours for any Master Gardeners who need to finish those last few hours. Bring a bucket, gloves, and tools. Rain or shine, the project will continue until it is finished

For details, call Todd Scott or Sherri Williams at 338-5183

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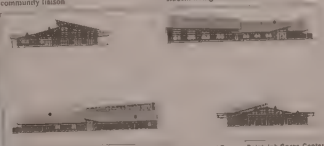
BUSINESS JOURNAL

Construction begins on state-of-the-art Tongue Point culinary arts facility

by LeeAnn Neal

Tongue Point Job Corps Center has broken ground on a $4.5 million state-of-the-art culinary arts facility and dining hall.

"The new facility will maximize learning capabilities, expand community outreach and boost the local economy," said Nikkol Nagle, Tongue Point Job Corps Center business and community liaison



An artist's rendering of the culinary school under construction at Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria

"This project is just about the biggest thing to ever happen here at Tongue Point," said Ron Auring, Tongue Point Job Corps Center director of finance and administration. "It's not only great for our center's vocational training, it's a wonderful facility for the community to take advantage of as we hope to host more community-focused events after the grand opening."

Construction of the new building, to be located on a previous unused school site on center property, is slated to be completed in the summer of 2007. The building will measure 17,000 square feet and seat between 275 and 300 diners at a time. The United States Department of Labor, which administers the National Job Corps program, provided funding for the project, said Nagle.

Although it meets current regulations and codes, the current culinary and dining facility is antiquated and doesn't meet center demands. The existing dining hall seats only 225 people maximum. To compensate, Job Corps holds three lunch periods daily and even then, many students often have to wait for a place to sit and eat, noted Nagle.

According to Auring, the design of the new facility will be more functional and incorporates better flow-patterns to eliminate bottlenecks during busy lunch and dinner times.

The new facility will also feature many cutting-edge features, including:

- Individual cooking/prep stations at which students will each have their own areas to practice techniques, prepare foods and cook.
- Head-chef instructional mirrors, much like those used on the Food Network, placed behind the head chef's teaching stations to enhance the learning experience.
- Computer stations set up where students may search the Internet for special recipes and conduct research.
- Views of the Columbia River from nearly every seat in the dining hall, with roll up windows to allow a breezeway during summer months.

In addition, the project will allow Tongue Point vocational students participating in construction cluster programs hands-on training by helping to build the new facility, said Nagle.

"We are so excited about this long-awaited construction project," said Nancy Pyburn, center director. "It's been five years of negotiating with government, architects and construction entities and to (finally) see the work begin means so much for quality student living and education."

Tongue Point Job Corps Center focuses on providing eligible men and women with social, academic and vocational skills needed to secure and retain meaningful careers. Tongue Point houses 250 male and 250 female students and offers an "every opportunity-to-succeed" environment.

Students live on center where everyday needs are met including basic healthcare, meals, clothing, counseling, support groups and recreational activities.

Academic and vocational training programs are offered including high school diploma, English-as-a-second-language and a college program through Clatsop Community College. Accounting, carpentry, computer technology, culinary arts, medical vocations and sustainability are among the 19 vocations offered. Of the 122 Job Corps centers nationwide, Tongue Point consistently is ranked within the top 15 for student success.

Job Corps is the nation's largest and most comprehensive residential education and job training program for at-risk youth, ages 16-24. The program combines classroom, practical and work-based learning experiences to prepare young people for stable, long-term, high-paying jobs.

For more information on Tongue Point Job Corps Center, visit www.tonguepointjobcorps.gov, or call (503) 325-2131.

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Democracy is alive and well in Astoria

Oregon Council for Humanities' series draws to a close

By CASSANDRA PROFITA
The Daily Astorian

As 12 people discussed individual freedom at the Astoria Public Library Thurs day night, they celebrated their right to be there.

We can assemble here in this room with the freedom to speak," said librari an Jane Tucker. "I expect that right.

"We're not having to hide ourselves," said McLaren Innes, the discussion mod erator.

Hooray for the Constitution!" said Lynne Ryan.

It was the last gathering in Astoria for the Oregon Council for Humanities series, "On Principle: Thoughts on Democracy in America," and it wasn't until the group had discussed the free dom to buy what they want that they recalled the fundamental freedoms of speech, press, assembly and religion pro tected by the Bill of Rights.

Some in the group then wondered: Are Americans being manipulated and dis tracted from their rights and responsibil ities as citizens by advertising and mate rialism?

No one had a definitive answer, but the discussion was rich, with each individu al bringing his or her own perspective. And that – more than how people should shop or whether American greed is imposed on other cultures – was what sparkled.

The 12 people seemed to bring more questions than answers: Do Americans give children too many choices? Is it over whelming for them to have so much of what adults think of as freedom? Are the people designing the choices for health care and cell phones out of touch with the majority of people who need those services? In some cases, is less really more? Are we rapidly being enveloped by an Orwellian world?

The questions are the start of an impor tant discussion, and an unusual dialogue, said Tucker.

This is a group of people who wouldn't normally assemble together,"

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Democracy: Younger people optimistic

Democracy: From 1A

said Astorian Tim Ashberry. "It's not always easy to find people who are different from you to discuss these top ics and their background and experience, their lives. Who we are depends so much on how we grow up."

The topic of individual freedom was the last of five principles of American democracy to be addressed in the OCH series. It followed similar discussions on civic engagement, equality, justice and economic opportuni ties.

Thursday's talk began with thoughts on Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," which inspired metaphors about the walls Americans put up on the borders of their homes, their towns and their country.

Sometimes, perhaps, good walls make good neigh bors, as one man in the poem suggests. Astorian Steve Emmons suggested in the case of the U.S.-Mexico bor der: no walls can make for bad neighbors. Some walls, like the Berlin Wall, were better taken down, the group decided. When the discussion ended and Innes asked for thoughts on the series, it seemed people in the group had found some value in breaking down their own person al walls and participating in the dialogue.

"You don't feel alone," Jo Robinson said of the group of four.

There is an expanded sense of community," said White.

This reminded me I have to fight to keep my mind open," said Tucker. "And practice listening.

"We tend to socialize with people who think as we think," said Emmons. "We're very careful not to talk about the wrong things with people we don't know.

The "On Principle" series launched at the Liberty Theater Oct. 3 and continued with group discussions at the library, Clatsop Community College and the Astoria Column.

Marjorie Bloomfield attended talks on all five democracy principles and visited each of the three Astoria locations over the past month.

She said the Senior Center discussion she attended was especially dynamic, with about 20 people of different generations sharing their viewpoints. The one at Clatsop Community College had smaller attendance, she said, perhaps because there are classes that take place at that time.

A key point was raised at the college discussion, Bloomfield said.

This person made the comment that there was room there that wasn't basically in agreement with everybody else around the table," said Bloomfield. She said after discussing the five principles at the three locations she noticed the talks generally drew like-minded people together, although they might not have known each other coming in, and that might have been one downside to the series.

In a sense, it was like preaching to the converted," she said. "Unfortunately, none of the readings seemed to attract people of a different persuasion. It opens a ques tion of how to attract more people who have disparate ideas without in a sense catering to a rather negative kind of response. Will you ever get two very different groups of people coming from really, very different places into the same room and not attacking each other in a vicious way?"

The closest to a truly diverse crowd of people was at the Senior Center, she said, noting that the Tongue Point Job Corps students attended.

Helen McDaniel, who attended many of the Senior Center discussions and moderated one of them, said she saw the same thing.

The part that encouraged me was that the younger people seem to have an optimism the older people seem to have lost," she said. "The older people see the glass as half empty, and the younger people added to it."

Nikkol Nagle, business and community liaison at Tongue Point, said even with the diverse views of seniors and young students, the group managed to find

The seniors in one group were really understanding," she said. "The two groups got each other more than I thought they would. The students loved it so much they're looking at continuing the talks at Tongue Point."

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Tongue Point Job Corps Student Honored With 2006 Governor's YOUTH Award

November 22, 2006— Tongue Point Job Corps student, Danielle Horsely is one of six young adults to be honored with the 2006 Governor's YOUTH Award. The award has been established to honor Oregon youth who take positive risks and become successful in their lives and who contribute to the success of others. Governor Ted Kulongoski presented the awards during the Eighth Annual Governor's Summit on Minority Over-representation in the Juvenile Justice System, earlier this week in Portland, Ore

"I believe there is a good side to every person and part of our job is to provide opportunities for juveniles to help bring that good side out," said Governor Ted Kulongoski "The six youth being recognized today are an inspiration to us all Their stories demonstrate strength, determination and are encouraging to all of us here today."

The Governor's YOUTH award is presented to Youth who have Overcome difficULt Times and Hardships. Of the thirty-two young adults nominated for the award across the state, six have been recognized as demonstrating consistent progress in dealing with and overcoming adversity. The winners include: Danielle Horsely, Eric Arreola, Lashay Hardaway, Antonio James, Lye Duong and Carlos Garcia

"When the Governor gave me the award, it was amazing, I felt like a million dollars," Horsely said, "I felt like I was ally going somewhere and that I had really accomplished something important." Horsely went on to say that the ernor was very nice. "When we were getting pictures taken, he said to me 'this is where all your hard work has paid off – enjoy your moment.'"

Horsely enrolled at Tongue Point Job Corps in May of 2006. She has earned her GED and is now working toward her high school diploma. Horsely is in the Office Technology vocation and hopes to continue her education through advanced training. She is very interested in the travel industry and is looking to pursue a career as an airline or Amtrak attendant

"When I first come to Job Corps, I didn't know what to expect, but there are so many things expected of me," she said Ever since I came here, my whole attitude has changed. I have developed into a professional. I really woke up and realized this is my chance to be somebody."

To be considered for the award, a 250 word nomination was submitted by Lisa Clapp, a Tongue Point Job Corps academic instructor of Horsley's. The following is an excerpt from her nomination letter: "By the time Danielle became 16, she proved herself to be an extraordinary, exemplary and outstanding young woman. Through a congenital heart defect, parent's incarceration, move across the country, and a mother's murder, Danielle has risen to each and every challenge and come out stronger, embracing the world around her by helping others. Danielle also volunteers on Center in our drug and alcohol abuse training, raising awareness among her peers. She has taken it upon herself to improve her life and chances for career success by enrolling in Job Corps, and is a tremendous role model for every student and staff member here."

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Tongue Point student leaps over a lifetime of hurdles to secure award

The Daily Astorian

When Tongue Point Job Corps student Danielle Horsely shook hands with Gov. Ted Kulongoski this week, she looked back on her achievements and was elated

"It was amazing. I felt like a million dollars," she said "I felt like I was really going somewhere and that I had really accomplished something important."

Horsely was among a handful of young people to receive the 2006 Governor's Youth Award, which honors Oregon youths who make "consistent progress in dealing with and overcoming adversity," and who take "positive risks" to become successful and contribute to the success of others. Kulongoski presented the awards at the annual Minority Over-representation in the Juvenile Justice System Summit Monday

Horsely, 16, has faced more than a couple of challenges in her lifetime

Lisa Clapp, one of Horsely's academic advisers at Job Corps, nominated her for the honor, calling her "an extraordinary, exemplary and outstanding young woman."

"Through a congenital heart defect, parent's incarceration, move across the country, and a mother's murder, Danielle has risen to each and every challenge and come out stronger, embracing the world around her by helping others," Clapp stated

Enrolled at Tongue Point Job Corps Center since May, Horsely has earned her General Education Diploma and is working toward her high school diploma. A student in the office technology program, she hopes to continue her education through advanced training, and is interested in the travel industry

She also volunteers at the center in drug and alcohol abuse training, raising awareness among her peers, said Clapp. "She has taken it upon herself to improve her life and chances for career success by enrolling in Job Corps, and is a tremendous role model for every student and staff member here."

Submitted Photo
From left to right, Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Tongue Point Job Corps Center student Danielle Horsely and Billy Wasson of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

The local Job Corps center houses up to 500 young men and women as they undergo academic and vocational training.

"When I first came to Job Corps, I didn't know what to expect, but there are so many things expected of me," said Horsely. "Ever since I came here, my whole attitude has changed. I have developed into a professional. I really woke up and realized this is my chance to be somebody."

When posing for a photo next to the governor, Horsely recalled, he leaned over and said, "This is where all your hard work has paid off, enjoy your moment."

Six young people were selected from more than 30 nominations for the governor's award

"I believe there is a good side to every person, and part of our job is to provide opportunities for juveniles to help bring that good side out," said Kulongoski. "The six youth being recognized today are an inspiration to us all. Their stories demonstrate strength, determination, and are encouraging to all of us here today."

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In One Ear: Volunteers light up Christmas spirit in Astoria

Wet and blustery weather can't stop the Astoria Christmas Club. Led by Astoria's own Mr. Christmas, TIM O'BRYANT, more than 50 volunteers turned out Nov. 19 to festoon the city's downtown with garlands, lights and decorations. Nine of the volunteers were students from the Tongue Point Job Corps, and their instructor JIM MURRAY, who is said to look just like Santa Claus. Other volunteers came from Astoria's public works and fire departments and Pacific Power. NANCY CLATERBOS directed traffic on Commercial Street as the decorations went up. Pictured left in the bucket is Astoria Fire Chief LENARD HANSEN. LARRY BERG from Bergerson Construction used the company's cherry picker to put lights on the tall tree at the Mill Pond. Volunteers worked every day this week, leading up to the downtown lighting ceremony, which will be 6 p.m. Saturday in the city square

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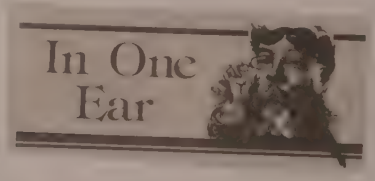

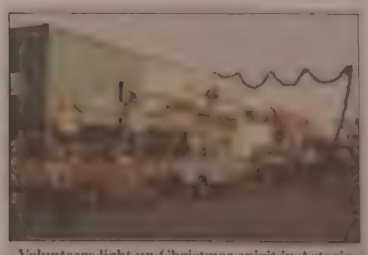

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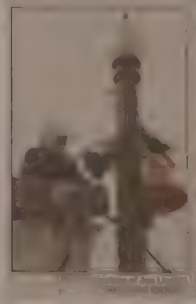

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'The money is drying up'

Tongue Point Job Corps Center faces uncertainty with budget cuts looming

By KARA HANSEN
The Daily Astorian

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During storms, which recently toppled trees, rain leaks through the roof of the bed-rest area and the skylights of the health and wellness building at Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center. Funds for construction and large-scale renovation at the center may be cut by an appropriations bill in the House.

Windstorms toppled trees onto the roof. Earthquakes ruptured walls and shook loose the framing. And a student bed-rest facility shut down last week as heavy rains leaked through the cracks.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center Director Nancy Pyburn isn't sure the health and wellness building can weather another downpour.

"The building is going to fall apart here really soon," Pyburn said, noting the issue isn't new at Tongue Point, located on a nearly 70-year-old Naval base three miles east of Astoria.

But it's raising new concerns as lawmakers prepare to settle the government's unfinished spending bills for the 2007 fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

Discussions are expected to resume in January, and agencies can keep spending at 2006-approved levels until permanent budgets pass.

But both Congressional chambers have proposed cuts to 2007 spending for Job Corps.

A federally funded residential program, Job Corps operates at more than 120 centers nationwide, offering vocational training and education to youths ages 16 to 24 who are unemployed or considered at-risk.

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Construction continues on the new dining hall at Tongue Point Job Corps Center. Administrators hoped to renovate the current dining hall into the new health and wellness building, but those plans may be affected by a potential cut in funding.

An appropriations bill headed to the House floor could have grim consequences, said Nikkol Nagle, Tongue Point's business and community liaison. The proposal aims to cut Job Corps funds for construction and large-scale renovations by almost half compared with years prior, from $107.9 million to $58 million.

While the bill would boost the agency's operations budget to $1.47 billion - $8 million more than 2006 - that's less than a 1 percent increase, and "far less than the average 3.3 percent inflation rate," said Nagle. "And as 24-hour, seven-days-a-week facilities, Job Corps centers are particularly vulnerable to the increasing cost of food, transportation, utilities and health care."

A Senate proposal for the agency's budget is slightly more palatable, she added, providing for inflation with a total $1.5 billion in operations. But although offering $110 million for building projects, it doesn't reach the estimated $154 million needed for constructing and repairing Job Corps facilities, she said.

While not perfect, the Senate bill "would help ensure Job Corps can continue to improve the lives of youth in our communities in a safe environment," Nagle said. "It is important in our community to be aware the Job Corps program would be negatively affected" by the House proposal.

Pyburn doesn't think the government has ill intentions for the 40-year-old federal program; rather, Job Corps is competing with other domestic agencies also facing cuts, she said.

"The money is drying up," said Pyburn. "It's just not there ... People want to keep more for less."

Daily Astorian, "The Money's Drying Up" Continued:

But when construction and rehabilitation funding declined, the other half of the budget skyrockets, because maintenance bills are classified as operations, she said.

The effects will spread farther than the agency's six Oregon facilities. Of 122 Job Corps centers nationwide, about 90 percent have recycled buildings designed for different purposes, mostly old colleges, former hospitals, convents or military bases. The agency's 2,200 buildings boast an average age of 42 years, according to a report drafted for the House Committee on Appropriations.

"There has been a diligent and concerted effort from the folks who located Job Corps centers in old facilities to save taxpayers' money," said Pyburn. "Unfortunately, since the program has been around for 40-plus years now, that's creating a problem. The facilities have just about worn out their lifespans."

Tongue Point funnels $350,000 into building maintenance each year, she estimated. A new cafeteria and culinary arts center is under construction, and administrators hoped to gut and renovate the old dining hall for a new health center. That project is less likely if lawmakers scale down Job Corps funding, said Pyburn.

"A reduction in the appropriations bill that lowers (funding for construction) means fewer centers will get services or new buildings," she said. "By decreasing the amount of money, we would have a smaller chance of being able to do our renovation."

"I do think it's going to be very hard to get the money for the new health and wellness center, and that's a crucial issue."

Any program cuts could harm the local community, but also the entire country, she added.

The program's benefits stretch nationwide, she said, filling jobs in growing industries and developing more tax-paying employees while decreasing the burden on welfare systems. Locally, Tongue Point is a major employer, the fifth largest in Clatsop County.

"The economic benefit to this community is huge," said Pyburn. "That's the one that would blow me away if something happened to this Job Corps center - I think the economic blow would be extreme. And any staff reductions are always painful for families."

The worst-case scenario? The agency would downsize the number of people served to meet cutbacks. But Pyburn doesn't want to speculate.

"It might affect us, it might not affect us, I don't know," she said. "You know what? It might be really serious this time. In the next two months I expect to have more information."

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In One Ear

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Erica Boxberger, nearest, and Amanda Pina, both 16, work on stitching ornaments for stockings which will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

Job Corps turns creative

The academics department at Tongue Point Job Corps Center is creating 50 Christmas stockings, complete with ornaments and Christmas cards, which will be donated to Meals on Wheels. ERICA BOXBERGER and AMANDA PINA were caught by Daily Astorian photographer LORI ASSA making the ornaments.

Tongue Point Job Corps — COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations Staff Member of the Year

SANDRA SKILLMAN:

Tongue Point Job Corps would like to recognize employee Sandra Skillman for her being awarded the MTC Administrative/Support Services Staff Member of the Year award as well as being among Tongue Point "Celebrating Excellence" honorees for 2006. Sandra works in the middle of a cyclone and always remains calm. She promptly and cheerfully responds to requests for documents and information. Sandra is organized, efficient, and has good follow through. She always takes the time and is willing to help others and does so with a smile. She supports staff and students in any way she can. Sandra is great customer service. Her exceptional employability skills are an excellent model for the office technology work-based learning students she supervises. Congratulations Sandra!

Tongue Point Job Corps Wishes Everyone a Safe And Merry Holiday Season!

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Tongue Point Job Corps — COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations Staff and Unsung Hero of the Month

UNSUNG HERO: PAT LUNDIN & RENA TAYLOR

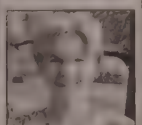
Twice a year, these ladies travel to Portland on one of Job Corps big box vans to pick up hundreds of books for the academic department's library. Before winter break, these two gather the best children's books for our students to take home as gifts for their brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. Thank you, Pat and Rena, for your time and dedication to maintaining the library and for your commitment to youth. The books you provide extend our students' learning opportunities beyond the training day and into their lives.

JON TIERNEY
Staff Member of the Month

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH: JON TIERNEY

John Tierney has worked at Tongue Point as a vehicle operator since October 2004. He is known and respected by our students and is very dependable and safety conscious. Working in transportation, scheduled duties often change on a moments notice. When problems develop, we can always depend on John to help find a solution. He makes sure our students get to their destination on time and safely. Rain or shine, John is always makes sure all vehicles are in top-top shape, fueled and ready to go. He takes students to Longview for special weekend shopping trips and drives to the Kelso bus station to bring students back to campus after weekend breaks. All of his trips are done with many things in mind, but the safety and welfare of our students is his #1 concern.

PAT LUNDIN
Unsung Hero of the Month



JAN MUELLER
Unsung Hero of the Month

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH: JAN MUELLER

Jan Mueller works as a Registered Nurse working in the Tongue Point Health & Wellness clinic. Not a day goes by that Jan doesn't attend to students with coughs, runny noses, aches and pains. This staff member has the ability to never show frustration, even when there are numerous students clamoring for attention and service! Her manager has nicknamed her, "School Nurse." Her quiet demeanor should not be mistaken for being passive! She clearly makes her opinions known to those fortunate enough to work with her on a daily basis. She leads by example and has the experience and knowledge to make informed decisions. Thank you Jan for your dedication and great work!

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Tongue Point Job Corps — COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations Students of the Month

BRENTON CHRISTENSEN:

Brenton Christensen

Brenton Christensen arrived at Tongue Point Job Corps Center on January 18, 2005 and began training in Facilities Maintenance. Upon completion, he began Computer Service Tech training. He was recently accepted at Clatsop Community College and began his first term there earlier this month. In Facilities Maintenance, he was an outstanding student from his first day. He was always anxious to volunteer to participate in every project. On community service projects, he was one of the leaders setting the standard for performance and behavior of his peers. As a senior student, he became an excellent job site foreman, always putting safety and welfare of his workers first. He mentored many new students and passed along his positive attitude resourcefulness, and skills. Brenton is active in the Executive Council, serving over the course of four terms as Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, Vice President, and Publicity Officer. He follows through on his ideas and is interested in making this an environment that is positive for all students and staff. He takes pride in being a member of the community, whether he's participating in weekly On Principle discussions in town or quietly picking up garbage as he's walking through Center.

ELISE PETITT:

Elise Petitt

Elise Petitt arrived at Tongue Point Job Corps Center on July 26, 2005, and soon began Accounting career training. She is a very positive and professional employee who is always very willing to help. Her diligence has paid off, and she is waiting to hear when she will leave for advanced training in California at Transportation Communication Training. In the meantime, she is completing additional work to hone her word processing and accounting skills. Her cheerfulness is evidenced by the smile on her face and the laughter in her voice. She is not only a polite and thoughtful person, she is also talented. She is a singer and songwriter, and has performed at several of our talent shows and on the local radio program. This is Job Corps. She also composed the theme music currently used for that program.

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PEOPLE

Daniella Horsely received the Governor's Youth Award during ceremonies in November in Portland. With her are Gov. Ted Kulongoski and Billy F. Wasson, representing the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

A conversation with . . . | Daniella Horsely

Award-winning teen perseveres for a new life

After her mother's death, she cared for her brother and sister, and went on for training

By DENNIS McCARTHY

Daniella Horsely [illegible] has had more ups and downs than most 16-year-olds could ever expect. But the former [illegible] teenager has learned to overcome the bad times and is looking forward to a promising future.

Horsely, a student at the Tongue Point Job Corps in Astoria, is one of six young adults recently honored with the 2006 Governor's Youth Award. The award goes to youths who have taken positive risks in turning their lives around and contributing to the success of others.

She received her award from Gov. Ted Kulongoski during an award ceremony in Portland in November. At Tongue Point, Horsely is pursuing an office technology vocation in hopes of someday becoming an airline or Amtrak attendant.

A native of Portsmouth, Ohio, Horsely was 11 when she was thrust into the role of mother to her two younger siblings when her mother died.

She said her life changed dramatically again when she entered the Tongue Point Job Corps program in May.

When she completes her Job Corps studies at Tongue Point in February, Horsely hopes to move to [illegible] to enroll in an advanced Job Corps program [illegible].

Q: You say you had a difficult childhood. In what ways?

A: I was born with a heart defect, had three holes in my heart. I never got any treatment until I got into the Job Corps. Now I'm [illegible] a heart [illegible]. I'll be taking it for the rest of my life.

My mother was my best friend growing up, my [illegible], my everything. She passed away when I was 11. I spent a lot of time raising my little sister and little brother. They were my babies. We moved to Oregon after my mom died to get away from everything to start anew. We lived with relatives. I went to Mt. Tabor Middle School, then to Clackamas High School until the 10th grade. But I actually had poor grades. I spent more time trying to fix problems at home. When I came home from school, I took care of my brother and my sister. I felt hopeless, felt destined to stay like that forever.

Q: What changed?

A: My high school counselor told me about Job Corps. I saw the commercials for Job Corps on TV and thought it was crazy. But I really needed a change in my life. So I enrolled in the Tongue Point Job Corps program.

Q: Why not the Timber Lake Job Corps near Estacada? It would have been closer.

A: It was too close to home. I was afraid I'd be focusing on problems at home. I come home about twice a month now to see [illegible]. After I left, my [illegible] took care of everything.

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Job Corps

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He keeps my mom's spirit alive by [illegible] and my sister [illegible]. He's a very [illegible].

Q: So, how did Job Corps change your life? Did you have trouble adapting to your new surroundings and the other students at Tongue Point?

A: I was scared at first. There were 500 students, but I was [illegible]. I thought maybe I could be the first in my family to make something of myself, to be the first to go to college. The Job Corps was like a whole new world to me. It's made me a very mature, responsible, goal-oriented young woman.

Q: The Governor's Award talks about contributing to the success of others. How have you accomplished this?

A: [illegible]

My best friend [illegible] here in [illegible] from a [illegible] has to [illegible] for kids [illegible]. One day my sister and [illegible] going to [illegible] Job Corps too. They [illegible] me.

Q: What advice do you have for other teens going through experiences similar to yours?

A: [illegible]

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Tongue Point samples a taste of east Africa

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Luwam Bekele, a 21-year-old from Ethiopia, center, and Sauda Ahmed, a 23-year-old who is from Somalia, serve up Ethiopian food at the dining center of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center at lunchtime Wednesday. The students prepared dorowet and alicha, Ethiopian stews, over several days, serving the meal to 600 people at the center.

Diversity lunch celebrates Ethiopian Epiphany

By KARA HANSEN
The Daily Astorian

The popular Ethiopian Epiphany may not arrive for a week, but a dozen Tongue Point Job Corps students held an early celebration of the Christian holiday with a "diversity lunch" Wednesday.

Staff members plan to make the [illegible] a monthly occurrence, allowing the local Job Corps center's diverse students to share their cultures.

"I want people to know about my culture, too," said Luwam Bekele, 21, a student born and raised in Ethiopia who organized this week's event.

"When I was home I knew about the United States, how good it is," she said. "So, why not show others what we have?"

That was the primary goal of Tongue Point employees when they started the event, said food service manager Jean Matheson.

"One of our main goals is the promotion of diversity," said Matheson. "What better way than to bring part of the culture of that country or group of individuals to the masses."

Food, she added, "is one of the best ways to bridge that gap."

Wednesday's meal focused on Ethiopia's traditional dishes, said Bekele. A group of 13 students from her home country as well as nearby Somalia worked together on the preparations, ordering some supplies by mail and making adjustments based on their own families' recipes.

They cooked spicy and mild versions of *dorowet*, a chicken stew, which was scooped up with *injera*, a large pancake of soft, spongy and slightly sour flatbread.

The dishes are typical fare in East African countries, said Bekele.

"We don't eat burgers back home," she said with a laugh. "We make chicken stew and flat bread. That's what we eat, all day, every day."

The overall culture is also different in Ethiopia, the oldest independent country in Africa and one of the oldest in the world. Islam and Ethiopian Orthodox are the primary religions.

"And we're very religious," said Bekele. "There's religion here, too, but different kinds. Our culture is also different in how we respect people. We don't speak up to our teachers; we don't doubt them. And we have a lot of respect for elderly people."

The Tongue Point lunch Wednesday fell just before one of the most popular holidays in Ethiopia, the Epiphany. The Jan. 19 festival is said to mark the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan.

"It's when everyone gets baptized," said Bekele of the day's traditional community activities.

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Hailu Addis, 24, who is originally from Ethiopia, rolls injera bread for lunch at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center Wednesday. Addis, who says he is happy to share his culture with other students, added, "I think they're going to like it."

Center: 'Chaotic at the beginning ... and then a real blast'

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Yet despite loving her native country, she was drawn to the United States for education. She first attended school in Baltimore, then moved to Oregon and enrolled at Portland Community College. She learned about Job Corps from her cousin. Bekele's nearby family totals 20 people.

"My whole family moved here because of me," she said. "It's hard back home to go to school because of money. There's no school for free, like the high schools here are free, and how with college, financial aid might help you. Back home it's hard; you have to pay for high school.

"You have a lot of opportunities here."

A federally funded residential program, Job Corps offers vocational training and education to youths ages 16 to 24 who are unemployed or considered at-risk. Bekele is training to be a nurse but plans to transfer to another center to work toward a career as a medical assistant.

Her situation is not unusual. Because of that, Tongue Point may be the most diverse place in Astoria, maybe even in all of Clatsop County.

While the 500 students at the Job Corps center are predominately white Americans, about 12 percent identify as black or African American, 10 percent as Hispanic or Latino, and 10 percent as other races. Less than 70 percent identified as "white." That's compared to a county population that is 95 percent Caucasian.

"The rich backgrounds of our students add to the overall educational experience," said Nikkol Nagle, Tongue Point Job Corps Center business and community liaison. "We have students from Romania, Kuwait, Yugoslavia and many more."

Those students will help organize some of the diversity events in the future. Administrators also plan to explore cuisine unique to different areas in the United States, such as Tex-Mex dishes or food characteristic of the South.

"It gives students a chance to taste things they would never ever have the opportunity to experience, done in a traditional way," said Matheson, food service manager.

She said the events also provide a chance for the center's 10 cooks to improve their skills.

"This expands their horizons of working with young people, trying new things," Matheson said. "And it's a lot of fun. It's chaotic at the beginning, then falls into being a real blast."

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In One Ear

Safe and tidy

Several Tongue Point Job Corps students recently broke out their reflective gear and set out to tidy up Highway 30, on a cleanup that stretched from the Crest Motel to the far end of the John Day River Bridge.

Volunteers work on the highway regularly as part of civic engagement and service to the community, said LINDA CAPPS, a residential adviser at Tongue Point who helps coordinate the student's cleanup efforts.

"We do the Adopt A Highway cleanup on a monthly basis, but this month we will be doing it twice," she said. "These cleanups are held in the rain, snow, freezing wind and scorching sun. In other words, we are like the mail-

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007 — Astoria, Oregon

'Take that leap and fly,' speaker tells grads

[F]or most people, January isn't a[...] associated with graduation.

But for many young men and women of the Tongue Point Job Corps academic and career training program January marks the month one chapter [of their] lives ends and a new one [illegible]

About 30 Job Corps students graduated Jan. 19, setting out with new certifications, career training, job training assistance or plans to enter college or the military. Tongue Point holds four graduation ceremonies a [illegible]

Half the students graduated with honors and one was selected for the National Technical Honor Society scholarship, which recognizes student achievement in career and technical education. More than 2,000 schools and colleges throughout the United States are affiliated with the society.

Lorena Arreola was honored by the society at Tongue Point. A 20-year-old resident of St. Helens, Arreola completed Job Corps training to be a nursing assistant. She hopes to continue toward becoming a registered nurse or to join the National Guard.

"I am leaving Tongue Point with confidence to go out on my own," she said. "I am sure I'll get a good job that will pay more than minimum wage and have great benefits."

As the NTHS scholarship winner Arreola will receive three letters of recommendation for employment, college admission or scholarships. Job Corps graduates also have access to an online career center that includes va[illegible]

During the January graduation ceremony, Joshua Cooper, who is now enrolled in the Tongue Point college program and has begun taking courses at Clatsop Community College delivered an inspirational speech to his peers.

"We all came to Job Corps with shells, whether those shells are of drug or alcohol addiction, laziness, joblessness or just plain having a bad attitude," Cooper said. "We soon came to realize that we had a choice. We could relapse, be stubborn, keep our bad habits and stay inside our shells, or we could continue to grow to the point where we are able to break out of our shells, like a young eagle."

"After you leave here, you are going to have to depend on yourself," he added. "As frightening as that may sound, here is the good news. The vocational training and employability skills you have learned here have put you on top of the competition.

"Much like a mother eagle will put a young eagle on the highest branch when it is about to fly for its first time Job Corps has put all of you on the highest branch. Now all that's left is to take what you have gained here take that leap, and fly."

The January 2007 Tongue Point Job Corps Graduating Class

Tongue Point Job Corps National Technical Honors Student [illegible] Arreola, left with center director Nancy Pyburn

One student 'grows' a gift

For Tongue Point Job Corps student Amanda Mosquede, [illegible] whether that was [illegible] office technolo[illegible] lege program [illegible]

But another [illegible] grow her hair as long as possible before th[illegible]uation ceremony. Mosquede planned to lop off her locks for charity.

She and a group of friends pl[illegible] to give away their strands to the Locks of Love Foundation, a non profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long term hair loss because of a medical condition.

Mosquede 'raised' about 2 feet for her contribution.

"It's for underprivileged kids," she said. "I can grow plenty more."

GRADUATION IN JANUARY

Tongue Point Job Corps Congratulates the Graduating Class Of January 2007

January 22, 2007 – Tongue Point Astoria – For most, January isn't a month associated with graduation. However, for 30 young men and women of the Tongue Point Job Corps academic and career training program, January marks the month one chapter of their lives ends and a new one begins. These students will depart with more than a diploma; they set out with an industry or trade certification, employability training, assistance obtaining a job for 12 months and for some, plans to attend college or enter the military

Fifteen students graduate with honors and one has been selected for the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) scholarship which recognizes outstanding student achievement in career & technical education Over 2000 schools and colleges throughout the U.S are affiliated with the Society and Member schools agree that NTHS encourages higher scholastic achievement, and helps top students find success in today's highly competitive workplace

Tongue Point Job Corps NTHS scholarship winner is Lorena Arreola, a 20 year old resident of St Helens, Ore , who completes Job Corps as a nursing assistant. She says her future plans are to continue her education to become a Registered Nurse, or immediately enter into the National Guard

"I am leaving Tongue Point with confidence to go out on my own," said Arreola "I am sure I'll get a good job that will pay more than minimum wage and have great benefits."

As the NTHS scholarship winner, Arreola receives the membership certificate, pin, card, window decal, white tassel, official NTHS diploma seal, and three personal letters of recommendation for employment, college admission, or scholarships. Students also have access to Online Career Center including valuable services for MonsterTRAK, Wells Fargo, Career Safe and Career Key

Tongue Point holds four graduation ceremonies a year Unique to traditional high schools or colleges, new students continually arrive, and complete weekly. Once a quarter completers come to participate in the graduation ceremony

Leaving The Nest
During this graduation ceremony, Joshua Cooper, who is now enrolled in the Tongue Point College program and has begun taking course at Clatsop Community College, delivered an inspirational speech to his fellow graduating peers illustrating an analogy around breaking out of ones shell and finally leaving the nest

"We all came to Job Corps with shells, whether those shells are of drug or alcohol addiction, laziness, joblessness, or just plain having a bad attitude. We soon came to realize that we had a choice. We could relapse, be stubborn, keep our bad habits and stay inside our shells, ore we could continue to grow to the point where we are able to break out of our shells like a young eagle

We have all seen the eagles majestically fly over our heads If you look through the eyes of a baby eagle, that has just broken out of its shell, you would see how small your world was

After you leave here you are going to have to depend on yourself. As frightening as that may sound, here is the good news. The vocational training and employability skills you have learned here have put you on top of the competition. Much like a mother eagle will put a young eagle on the highest branch when it is about to fly for its first time. Job Corps has put all of you on the highest branch. Now all that's left is to take what you have gained here, take that leap, and fly."

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Tongue Point Job Corps Student Donates Hair To Locks of Love

January 29, 2007 – Tongue Point Astoria – For most, January isn't a month associated with graduation However, for 30 young men and women of the Tongue Point Job Corps academic and career training program, January marks the month one chapter of their lives ends and a new one begins. These students will depart with more than a diploma, they set out with an industry or trade certification, employability training, assistance obtaining a job for 12 months and for some, plans to attend college or enter the military

For Tongue Point Job Corps student, Amanda Mosqueda, a member of the Yakima Nations of Native Americans, graduation means achieving her goals. Some of these goals include completing Office Technology career training and entering into the Tongue Point college program through Clatsop Community College

Another goal has been to grow her hair as long as possible until the graduation ceremony then make an appointment with the Locks of Love Foundation, a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis, and give it all away

"My friends and I all made a pact that we would grow our hair out and when we graduated, we would donate it," she said I'll be donating about two feet " She continued, "It's for underprivileged kids and I can grow plenty more."

"Before" Amanda Mosqueda, Yakama Nations

"After" Amanda's Donation Cut

About the Yakamas
The Yakama Indian reservation totals 1.3 million acres, comprised of prime forest, grazing and fertile farm lands, irrigated by the cool fresh waters of melting snow from the Cascade Mountain Range Our reservation is located in south central Washington State, two and a half hour drive or half hour flight from the City of Seattle The northern boundary of the reservation neighbors with the cities of Yakima and Union Gap The Yakama Reservation and its members are governed by the Yakama Nation Tribal Council Self-government was re-established among the Yakamas in 1935. Since the Indian Nation was made up of 14 bands and tribes, each group selected a representative, forming the modern tribal government. In 1947 a rule change provided for election by the General Council of half of the Tribal Council members every two years for four-year terms. All enrolled Yakamas become voting members of the General Council on their eighteenth birthday

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The following individuals are January 2007 graduates of Tongue Point Job Corps ("*" indicates honors)

*Elkins Keli	*Oxana Savitskaya	Ephrem Habtegiorgis
Gardner Maurice	Michael Schroder	Ashley Johnson
*Hester Camryn	*Shannon Shaeffer	Lillie Lizarraga
* Lourin Holt	***Lorena Arreola***	Jessica Mann
*Brent Johnson	Bradley Coburn	Brandon Mendenhall
Douglas Jorgenson	Joshua Cooper	Amanda Mosqueda
*Bonita Moravong	*Sarah Davis	Elise Petitt
*Melissa Osborne	*Rachel Dowd	* Christina Rose
Hannah Phillips	Sarah Ellis	Alina Yanchuk

SIDE BAR: Locks For Love

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Lorena Arreola, NTHS Winner

Amanda Mosqueda, Locks of Love

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Locks of Love receives donation of hair clipped in 1920s

Aunt Frances was a favorite.

All the little cousins loved her. She had married as a teenager and was widowed in her 20s, never had children and never remarried.

She was tall and thin, lively and resourceful, a self-taught musician who loved knickknacks, sewing and her young nieces and nephews. Her crowning glory, though, was her long brown hair, which she curled by rolling around rags while it was still damp.

Carmena Capp remembers her beloved Aunt Frances as a fun-loving, brunette beauty with chocolate curls flowing down her back.

"We just thought Aunt Frances was the bees' knees," says 76-year-old Capp, a Yakima grandmother. "She did have beautiful, strong hair."

Fannie "Frances" Amelia Fretwell Wilkerson — her birth certificate says Fannie, but she went by Frances — died in Boise, Idaho, in 2001 when she was 89. Among her things, Capp found a pair of braids with a note in Aunt Frances' handwriting: "My own hair — cut when I was a teenager — about 1926?"

"I didn't know she had them saved but, knowing Aunt Frances, I wasn't surprised," Capps says. "Aunt Frances saved everything."

Capp took home her aunt's dark, plaited locks with the intention of turning them into a pin cushion: "The natural oil on the hair keeps your needle from rusting."

She stored the braids in a box with other odds and ends, then forgot about them. They were left untouched for nearly six years, until the other day when Capp was sorting through her sewing things.

When she rediscovered her aunt's braids, which stretch about 18 inches in length, Capp hatched a new plan. Instead of making a pin cushion, the hair would make a wig.

In the years since she acquired the braids, Capp learned about Locks of Love, a Florida-based nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children and teens who suffer from long-term hair loss.

Locks of Love accepts hair donations that are at least 10 inches long and bundled in ponytails or braids. The hair must be clean, dry and packed in a plastic bag.

And, according to guideline No. 7 on the organization's Web site, "Hair cut years ago is usable if it has been stored in a ponytail or braid."

Aunt Frances' hair had been cut about 80 years ago. But it was clean, dry and braided, its ends tied with thread

"I thought Aunt Frances would be a whole lot more delighted to have it donated to Locks of Love than be made into a pin cushion," says Capp, a retired missionary who served on and off in Africa for nearly 40 years with her husband Philip, 79.

"There's a lot of hair there," she says "I'm hoping it'll be enough to make a whole wig for a child. And I hope Aunt Frances somehow knows about it. She would be delighted."

With plenty to spare, she loves to share **Amanda Mosqueda** isn't waiting 80 years.

The 19-year-old member of the Yakama Nation made a bet with some friends when she was in high school. She swore she would grow her hair as long as possible until her graduation.

Since that promise, she's graduated — and grown and cut her hair — twice. And both times, she has donated her long, straight, dark hair to Locks of Love.

"It's for underprivileged kids, and I can grow plenty more," says the native of The Dalles, Ore.

The first time she donated her hair she was in high school. This time, she completed office technology training through the Astoria, Ore.-based Tongue Point Job Corps, a free, U.S. Department of Labor academic and career training program that prepares young adults to secure meaningful jobs.

Both times, her hair reached her lower back and stretched about 18 inches. Now, it barely reaches her collarbone.

"It's kind of like a new beginning," says Mosqueda, who started college last month. "My hair grows pretty fast, so I don't mind."

In fact, she plans to grow it out — and cut and donate it again — when she graduates from Clatsop Community College in a couple of years

Tongue Point Health & Wellness Clinic Receives Top Marks

Decades of Experience Moves Student Health Care to the Next Level

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tongue Point Astoria, January 31, 2007 – Tongue Point Job Corps today announced it received top marks for its annual Health & Wellness Clinic assessment which evaluates the quality of its program to provide student health care services The criterion of the assessment is mandated by the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners and enforced by the Department of Labor

The mission of the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners is to protect the health, safety, and well being of Oregon citizens by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes quality care.

"Tongue Point Job Corps Center provides basic health care services to 500 students year round," said Nancy Pyburn, Center Director "It operates just like a public health care clinic, employs MD's and Certified Registered Nurses, and is held to the same"

Pyburn says she is very pleased with the results of the assessment and attributes much of the success to years of learning best practices through trial and error, and the centers Health and Wellness manager, Roger Bighill

Bighill states, "The MTC assessment a vital tool to gauge our level of compliance with the Department of Labor guidelines. Like any assessment, we do have some things to improve upon However, we were shown to have a very strong Health and Wellness program We have 10 employees with extensive professional and Job Corps experience who do a tremendous job working with our students"

Big Benefits With Bighill: Resourcefulness On A Shoe-String Budget

"With 40-some year's knowledge under our belts, the lessons we have learned about operating a functioning Health & Wellness clinic continue to build and grow stronger," said Pyburn "We have recently reorganized the department, promoted Roger Bighill from within Tongue Point, and find resourceful ways of operating on a shoe-string budget"

While managing the tight budget, providing prescription drugs for students with established needs is an ongoing, expensive issue "Ingenuity is a necessary part of the job description,' said Pyburn

Bighill came to Job Corps from Coast Rehabilitation Services where he spent five years in management Bighill has 16 years experience in the social services field and is no stranger to working on fixed budgets

Bighill explains how they are managing the issue through a prescription assistance program. "We currently pay about $2,400 a month to support mental health needs for medication for student with no health insurance," he said "One of our strategies has been to get students with no health insurance on a prescription assistance program to help students get medications from the manufacturer"

Bighill says this benefits not only the centers bottom line, but is also a big help for the students' future medical needs "When the students leave they can continue to receive medications through the assistance program until they receive health insurance through their employer," he said "This helps keep them healthier and able to be at their best in the workplace"

New Department Structure Delivers Improvement All Around

"We took a new approach to operating the department by separating what was once one position," explained

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Pyburn. "We changed the role of the Nurse Manager who previously managed all the health-care aspects of the clinic and the administration of the department This was too much so we split the role into two positions Health & Wellness Manager, Roger Bighill and the Nurse Manager, now Supervisor, Nadine Campbell-Davis"

Pyburn says the staff is much happier and the department as a whole is able to deliver a better service to the students

Assessment Results:

Tongue Point Health & Wellness Clinic employs five Registered Nurses, a Dental Assistant and Dental Hygienist, two Alcohol and Drug counselors, a Billing Specialist and contracts two Medical Doctors, a Nurse Practitioners, three Mental Health Consultants, a Dentist and an Optometrist Each year the department is evaluated by the Department of Labor in five categorical programs Medical, Dental, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Prevention and Staffing

Dana Heald, Assessor for Management & Training Corporation, a primary contractor hired by the DOL to managed Job Corps Centers nationwide including Tongue Point, said the results were impressive

"We conducted the assessment, noting 11 positives practices currently in place by the center A number of them we will recommend to other Job Corps Centers to consider implementing," said Heald "In particular, Tongue Point has a strong Disability Accommodation program which makes adjustments within their means to allow people with disabilities to attend"

Heald also praised Tongue Point for its Weight Management program which works to educate students on nutrition, healthy living, and active lifestyles Tongue Points also received recognition for its good cooperation between the Health and Wellness Department and its ability to integrate well with other departments on center

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Brief description of each program:

- Medical Program Center shall provide basic medical service to students including a cursory health evaluation by a physician or nurse within 48 hours of arrival on center, entrance medical examination by the physician or designee within 14 days, routine lab work, immunizations (Tetanus, diphtheria, Polio, measles MMR, Influenza, Pneumococcus / hemophilus influenza B, Hepatitis B
- Dental Program Center shall provide basic dental services, to include cursory dental examination within 48 hours after arrival on center, a mandatory oral examination to include four bite-wing x-rays between the 45th and 75th day of enrollment, restorative and prophylactic treatment
- Mental Health Program Center shall provide the basic mental health services as related below Emphasis of mental health program to be on prevention, early detection, identification of mental health problems, short-term counseling for manageable conditions and crisis intervention
- Alcohol and Drug Prevention & Education. Center shall provide a TEAP- Trainee Employees Assistance Program to include Assessment, Intervention, Counseling, Relapse Prevention and Prevention & Education of the possession and use of illegal drugs. ***Note: Any student who uses, possesses or sells illegal drugs is immediately expelled from campus as part of Tongue Points Zero Tolerance initiative.***
- Staffing Centers shall provide the required profession hours as mandated by the Department of Labor

About Tongue Point Job Corps

Tongue Point Job Corps is a free academic and career training program that enables young adults to become prepared to secure meaningful jobs Based in Astoria, Ore., Tongue Point houses 250 male and 250 female students and provides a safe environment for students to flourish. Everyday needs including. basic healthcare, meals, clothing, counseling. support groups and recreational activities are provided. Academic and vocational training programs offered include high school diploma, English as a second language, and a college program through Clatsop Community College. Of the 122 Job Corps centers nationwide, Tongue Point consistently is currently ranked 9th for student success

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Local Job Corps earns high marks in health and wellness

Weight management program, disability accommodations praised

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center received top marks at its annual Health and Wellness Clinic review last week.

Conducted by Management & Training Corporation, which administers Tongue Point and other Job Corps centers nationwide, the evaluation measured the local program's ability to provide health care services to students. Examining medical, dental, mental health, alcohol and drug prevention and staffing programs, standards used are mandated by the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners and enforced by the Department of Labor.

Assessor Dana Heald called the local center's health and wellness program impressive, according to Tongue Point.

Overall, the evaluation found 11 positive practices at the center, said Heald, some that will be recommended for other Job Corps centers to try.

In particular, Tongue Point has a strong Disability Accommodation program, which makes adjustments within their means to allow people with disabilities to attend, she said. The assessor also praised the local center for a weight management program for students that offers education on nutrition and promotes healthy living and active lifestyles.

The Tongue Point Health and Wellness Clinic employs five registered nurses, a dental assistant and dental hygienist, a billing specialist and two alcohol and drug counselors. It also contracts two medical doctors, a nurse practitioner, three mental health consultants, a dentist and an optometrist.

It provides basic health care to 500 Job Corps students year round, and is held to the same standards as public clinics, said center Director Nancy Pyburn. She was pleased with the results of the recent review, attributing the success to learning best practices through trial and error and to the center's health and wellness manager, Roger Bighill.

"With 40-some years' knowledge under our belts, the lessons we have learned about operating a functioning Health and Wellness Clinic continue to build and grow stronger," said Pyburn. Because meeting students' prescription needs on a fixed budget has presented an ongoing issue, she added, "Ingenuity is a necessary part of the job description."

The center [illegible] its health department, splitting the top management position into two, a nurse supervisor and a health and wellness manager. And the program has reduced some costs by helping uninsured students access prescription assistance programs. That benefits not only the center's bottom line, but it prepares [illegible] future [illegible] and wellness [illegible].

"When the students leave they can continue [illegible] through the assistance program," said Bighill, who has 16 years of experience in social services. [illegible] healthier and able to be at their best in the workplace [illegible]

U.S. ARMY VISITS TONGUE POINT ARMED WITH SECRET WEAPON

The Army Adventure Van Stops At Tongue Point Job Corps For Students Simulations

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Astoria, Ore. - On February 6th from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the U.S. Army will come to the Tongue Point Job Corps center with one of its secret weapons.

Students and staff of Tongue Point will have an extraordinary opportunity to experience The Army Adventure Van which is a hi-tech interactive van (more like a semi) that allows individuals to experience the excitement of flying, and other Army simulations including operating a tank. As part of Job Corps Career Transition Training, staff in the department works with a variety organizations to deliver presentations on campus to students getting ready to graduate. Sharon Haller is a Career Transition Specialist and works with military representatives to educate students on possible military career options.

"Getting the Army Adventure Van here on center is a wonderful opportunity for the students," said Haller. "Not only is it a great honor to host the van and its sophisticated technology, but what could be better at getting and keeping the students attention."

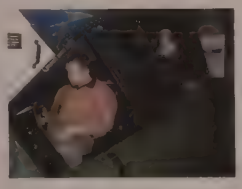
Tongue Point Job Corps teams with the military in many ways. Students can take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test which is an exam that helps determine what jobs students could qualify for. Additionally, military recruiters often visit the center to answer questions and delivers presentations regarding careers in the military.

Army Adventure Van: The Army Adventure incorporates several exhibits. One can experience the excitement of flying or firing weapons on a helicopter, test your skills and accuracy in operating an Abrams tank, or improve your marksmanship in firing the M9 on the target system. The van features include:

- BeamHit Miniret Target System (M9)
- Flight Exhibit
- Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Robot Display
- EOD Suit Display
- Special Ops Suit Display
- Abrams Tank Simulator
- Heroes, Heritage & Hardware DVD Area
- MOS DVD Area

Army SFC, Rob Leader speaks to Job Corps students as they first enter the van

Student, Sarita Kempenich in the Blackhawk virtual-reality simulator



Students Lloyd Luke and Paul Palmer try out the Apache Helicopter simulator

More information about the van: www.usarec.army.mil/MSBn/Pages/adventure.htm

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In One Ear

Job Corps fights hunger close to home

In the past, TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER's student-led fundraisers have supported hunger relief in Sudan, tsunami aid and assistance after Hurricane Katrina.

But this year, students chose a charity a little closer to their current, albeit maybe temporary, home.

"Last term, our officers decided to benefit a local organization," said TAMARA WALKER, Tongue Point Job Corps' student activities coordinator. "After discussing their options, they chose CLATSOP COMMUNITY ACTION."

The students raised money to donate items to CCA's "free store," available each month to the nonprofit's clients, offering basic necessities like soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant they might not be able to purchase with food stamps.

Selling baked goods from a stand where Job Corps students receive bimonthly allowances, the student council raised more than $600 for CCA's free store. Donations to the program help fund purchases to replenish the store's shelves.

Tongue Point students, who typically live 24 hours, seven days a week at the Job Corps location they attend, receive small allowances that build as they progress through the program. The practice supports their training, said NIKKOL NAGLE, business and community liaison. "We teach students how to manage money and offer some banking services, showing students how to set up savings accounts."

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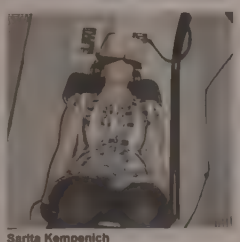
In One Ear: Army van brings adventure to Job Corps

Tongue Point Job Corps students received a visit this week from the U.S. Army Adventure Van, a high-tech interactive van that is actually closer to the size of a semi, according to the local Job Corps center.

The 18-wheel tractor-trailer offers a variety of video-game-like simulations, including flying or firing weapons from a helicopter, operating an Abrams tank or firing an M-9.



Sarita Kempenich

Student Sarita Kempenich tested the Blackhawk helicopter simulator. "This was the first time I have ever experienced virtual reality," she said. "It was really weird; it really felt like you were moving."

A variety of organizations work with the local Job Corps Career Transition Training, including the Army. Preparing the students to graduate includes providing education on possible military careers, according to TPJC staff members.

"Getting the Army Adventure Van here is a wonderful opportunity for the students," said Sharon Haller, a career transition specialist at Tongue Point. "Not only is it a great honor to host the van and its sophisticated technology, but what could be better at getting and keeping the students' attention?"

Tongue Point Student Government Raise "Loads" of Supplies for Clatsop Community Actions Free Store

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Astoria, Ore. - Tongue Point Job Corps Executive Student Council donated loads of items for Clatsop Community Actions Free Store as part of its annual fundraiser. The students raised $616.78 to purchase much needed items for the clients of Clatsop Community Actions Free Store.

Clatsop Community Action's Free Store program, may be accessed once a month by clients, through which can basic necessities including soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, razors, etc. that they wouldn't be able to purchase with food stamps.

The program is normally funded by donations from the public through donation containers at area businesses. CCA staff collects the donations from the containers on a regular basis, then purchase products to replenish "free store" shelves.

"Our Executive Council liked the idea of providing basic necessities for the health and well-being of local low income families," said Tamara Walker, Tongue Point Job Corps Student Activities Coordinator. "They decided not only to raise funds for the program, but also to take those funds and purchase products to donate, thus saving CCA staff a step in the process."

Staff at CCA regularly collect donations from the cans on a regular basis, then purchase products to replenish "free store" shelves. Executive Council liked the idea of providing basic necessities for the health and well-being of local low income families. They decided not only to raise funds for the program, but also to take those funds and purchase products to donate, thus saving CCA staff a step in the process.

Each term, Executive Council members decide if they will do a "payline" fundraiser. A "payline" fundraiser is where various items including muffins or pastry items are sold by student council to Job Corps students on the student payday. Executive Council sets up a fundraising stand outside the location where students receive their pay checks. Walker says the location and timing of these types of fundraisers is ideal as students are more likely to support the fundraiser when they have just received their pay.

"Every other Monday after the training day, students receive an allowance to purchase personal items," said Nikkol Nagle Business & Community Liaison for Tongue Point Job Corps. "Students receive a modest payment beginning at $25 and this amount increases gradually up to $50 as the student progress through the program. As part of career training we teach students how to manage money and also offer some banking services showing students how to set up saving accounts."

"The students raise money by selling products – muffins, cookies, doughnuts – at student paylines. Over the past several terms, funds have been raised for hunger relief in Sudan, Hurricane Katrina relief, and Tsunami relief. Last term, our officers decided to benefit a local organization. After discussing their options, they chose Clatsop Community Action," said Walker.

For information how your organization can help support Clatsop Community Action, call 325-1400.

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Job Corps sets style for Relay for Life fundraising

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center recently got an early start raising money for Relay for Life, an annual summer event that benefits cancer research.

At a fundraiser targeting young female students at the center, local stylists took a break from their salons and donated their time and materials to offer workshops on healthy living, providing information on manicures, pedicures, skin and haircare, clothing advice and makeup application. Participants then watched a movie.

"Being Job Corps, a career training organization, we wanted to weave in an educational aspect to the event," said Nikkol Nagle, Business and Community Liaison at the local Job Corps center. "The stylists coming in to donate their time and expertise will help reinforce the significance appearance makes in job interviews and making a good first impression."

Stylists came from the Columbia River Day Spa, Beautiful Dreamer and Paul Mitchell The School. Mary Kay representatives also donated time and materials. Ross and Salon Boheme donated some supplies.

Submitted photos

From left, Nicole Snyder, Michelle Guevara and Pauletta Morrison at Tongue Point Job Corps Center's recent Relay for Life fundraiser.

Cynthia Ornelas tries out some makeup at Tongue Point Job Corps Center for an early benefit for Relay for Life.

About 60 tickets were sold to students – or to staff to reward good behavior and academic achievements. Nagle said the local Job Corps center will hold a series of benefits leading up to the relay. Next up may be an event similar to the "Movies & A Makeover," but for men, she said.

"The goal of the benefit is to raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life," said Nagle, who is also a Relay for Life team leader. "We want to get students and staff excited about the relay, and help them see by getting involved they can make a difference in cancer survivors' lives."

Clatsop County's 2007 Relay for Life will be in July.

RIGHT: Eman Santana, right, works on Lindsay Luke at "Movie & A Makeover," at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center Relay for Life fundraiser.

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In One Ear

Lawmaker meeting sparks student's interest

Tongue Point Job Corps student AMANDA McMULLIN, pictured above left, became inspired to undertake some civic activism after meeting SEN. GORDON SMITH, pictured above right, last week.

After a tour of Fort Clatsop, the senator visited with attendees and talked about preserving the area's heritage, said NIKKOL NAGLE, Tongue Point's business and community liaison.

McMullin, vice president of her dorm, is almost finished with Job Corps' office technology program and plans to attend Clatsop Community College. She has launched a letter-writing campaign to push the state legislature and Joint Committee on Ways and Means to allocate more

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Culinary school moves out of '40s into modern dining

Students in an Astoria vocational training program get brand-new building, hands-on construction

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Photo courtesy of DKA

Most of the existing buildings at Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria were built in the 1940s by the U.S. Navy. And military-built architecture, said Ron Airing, Tongue Point's director of finance and administration, has a definite – and not-so-appealing – look.

"They typically build everything like a box," he said.

A new $4.5 million project to build a home for Tongue Point's culinary program and dining hall is the biggest the center's ever seen. And for students and staff used to the 1940s military-built boxes that make up the rest of the campus, the new construction has a big impact.

"We're saying, 'Wow. This is how a dining hall is supposed to look,'" Airing said.

The 18,000-square-foot building will hold the culinary arts school, a 300-seat dining hall, two kitchens and a 20-seat restaurant when complete. The architecture is still simple and geometric, to complement what's existing on campus, but pulls in features like tall ceilings and exposed roofing in the seating area and window walls that open to Columbia River views.

Faced with budget constraints, Architectural firm DKA of Seattle looked for cost savings and ultimately found efficiencies – to the tune of $1 million – that improved building flow.

"When a building is clear in its function, it is more aesthetically pleasing," Donald King, project principal, said. "It becomes a more rational, understandable plan for the people who occupy it."

The building's sustainable features are also expected to add to the occupation experience. The project used recycled building materials, low emission paints and low-flow water fixtures. And no budget for air conditioning meant the chance to take advantage of the nearby river for natural ventilation in the dining room.

"Because the windows open so wide, and the breezes happen all summer, we used that," said Brent Bird, DKA project architect.

The center, which offers vocational and secondary education training in fields such as construction, culinary arts, seamanship and office technology to 500 students age 16 to 24, focuses on the connections between education and professional life.

A building project in their backyard meant first-hand experience for construction trades students. Airing said the school made the general contractor, 2KG Contractors Inc. of Milwaukie, aware of the construction trades program, which includes areas such as carpentry, cement masonry and plastering.

"They said, 'Well, we were just going to go to the union hall and hire some laborers, but if you have students who perform at that level we'll run them an interview process,'" he said.

The project has employed two students, paid labor union wages, at a time for an eight-week period to get as many students as possible involved, Airing said. Students in the landscape technician program, Bird said, will also design and install the landscaping.

King said that the new building could be a jumping-off point for more renewal at the center.

"It's an aging campus," he said, "and we would hope Congress is going to extend more funding to the Job Corps program."

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Local man builds his future on Tongue Point experience

When life threw lemons at Jeremiah Parker, he built himself a lemonade stand with skills he acquired through Tongue Point Job Corps.

Parker, currently a Seaside resident, moved a lot as a kid. After his father's death when Parker was just 8, his family moved from Alaska to Washington, then in and out of Oregon a number of times when they finally settled in Seaside.

"I had moved between the two states at least seven times with a minimum of moving to 10 new areas in each state," Parker said. "A few times we [illegible] back to an area we had lived at before."

Despite many different job the family continued to struggle financially. Transferring in and out of different schools made it difficult for Parker to stay focused in school. He began to withdraw and l[illegible] in his studies. Household friction increased as Parker wanted to quit school and get a job. His mother, Teresa, wanted him to graduate. Family problems escalated and Parker opted to leave home to get a job and be [illegible]pendent. Before he dr[illegible] of high school [illegible] recommended Job Corp as a possible course for him to consider.

"I had not heard of Job [illegible]

Seaside resident Jeremiah Parker (left) credits boss Dave Smethers of 2KG Construction with rounding out the education he received through Tongue Point Job Corps.

After a year on his own struggling to make ends meet with a minimum-wage paying job, Parker said he realized his mom was right.

"I knew if I were ever going to succeed, I needed to take control of my life. I remembered Job Corps and thought this could be my chance," he said.

Parker entered Job Corps on May 2, 2006. Right away he earned his GED with National [illegible]

I choose carpentry was because I have a dream of designing and building my own house," Parker explained. "The second reason is because I love working with my hands, and building things."

After two months in the program he applied to be a youth counselor at the Survivors Youth Leadership Experience, sponsored by the Oregon Consortium and Workforce Alliance. Survivors Youth Leadership Experience is a week-long leadership camp held in Oregon [illegible]

Survivors Camp was the thought of mentoring kids who have had bad life experiences, and showing them how fun it really can be," Parker said. "That was my motivation for going, and while I was at camp I had just as much fun as I wanted my campers to have. Participating in The Survivors camp was pretty awesome. We trained on rope courses, learned how to be mentors and role models for at risk youth."

As Parker was nearing completion of carpentry training, he began to mak[illegible] the Job Corps c[illegible] Clatsop Com[illegible] Then a[illegible] Construct[illegible] heading up [illegible] culinary arts facility and [illegible] hall.

Of 15 students in his class, Parker's instructors recommended him for the internship that would pay $32 per hour. During the next 12 weeks Parker would earn money—a portion of which could be sent home to his family while another portion Job Corps set aside for his savings. Parker also received hands-on experience working under Dave Smethers, lead at 2KG Construction, while juggling 14 credits at Clatsop Community [illegible]

taught me how to work fast and efficiently," Parker said. "My boss, Dave Smethers and the crew have shown me how to keep busy throughout the whole day and in any weather condition. I've basically learned how to work. When I started out on the job site, it was a real eye opener. No matter what the weather is doing, you get out there and get it done."

"Jeremiah has learned to keep himself busy," Smethers [illegible] "This isn't a c[illegible] [illegible]re out here to get a job done [illegible] there is a definite learning curve."

Smethers added, "If he keeps applying himself, he could have a future in construction. He's interested in architecture, and [illegible] experience should help further his goals."

Parker said he has learned many things during [illegible] Tongue Point.

"I think there is a misconception about Job Corps that it is military," Parker said. "But it's not. It is more self-paced customized education and training. It provided me with a safe place to focus and achieve my goals."

Parker hopes to someday design and build his own home. His current goals are to complete college, receive a transfer Associate of Arts degree and

TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS ANNOUNCES NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Member of Management Team Promoted Into New Role As Second In Command

Astoria, Ore., May 1, 2007 – Tongue Point Job Corps today announced Les Ryder to the position of Deputy Director, who assists the Center Director in planning and managing center operations. Ryder assumes his new role immediately.

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As the new Deputy Director, Ryder looks to maintain the current performance and success Tongue Point receives as an eighth ranked Job Corps of 122 center's nation wide.

"I hope to provide the leadership and direction necessary for Tongue Point to continue its high performance," said Ryder. I would like to provide our staff and students with the resources and facility they deserve as well as move our capital construction projects and improvements from plans to completion."

Ryder added that he would like to maintain and strengthen our community partnerships and relationships.

The Job Corps Deputy Director

The duties of a Job Corps Deputy Director are to act on behalf of the Center Director in the Director's absence and supervise directorates and departments. Some of these responsibilities include:

- Develop and implement new and revised policies and procedures affecting the departments
- Regularly inspect facility and maintain quality of standards
- Assist in formulating long-range objectives, plans and programs
- Monitor labor budget and ensure staffing within budgetary limits
- Support and promote center zero tolerance policies and violence and drug use.

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In One Ear

Job Corps lends service to care center

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JACKIE SILK, TPJCC health occupations instructor, couldn't have been happier with the experience. "I think the trip to Clatsop Care succeeded in helping our students discover the joy of service and the satisfaction of knowing that they can make a difference in the life of another."

Pictured, from left, Clatsop Care Nurse GEORGE EATON, Clatsop Care Resident LUCILE JOHNSON, and TPJCC student DENISE ENDRES.

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Tongue Point Job Corps announces new deputy director

Les Ryder appointed

The Daily Astorian

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Ryder succeeds Mike Riley, the upcoming director of a Chicago Job Corps center.

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center's new Deputy Director Les Ryder

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TPJCC Students Celebrate National Youth Service Day at Clatsop Care

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For the past nine years, Job Corps has served as national partner alongside a wide range of organizations such as America's Promise, The American Association of Community Colleges, The American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters of American, City Cares, The National Education Association and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Last year 11,666 Job Corps students and staff from 117 centers participated in NYSD.

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Tongue Point gets cookin'

New culinary arts facility nears completion

by KATHERINE HEAD
Seaside Signal

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Above. Chef John Newman slices up some fresh pineapple during culinary arts class at Tongue Point Job Corps last week. The new culinary arts building is almost finished. Below left: The new dining hall in the facility will be able to seat 275. Below right: The new building will include state-of-the-art equipment to provide a more modern curriculum for students

It has taken more than seven years for the Tongue Point Job Corps Center to get a new culinary arts/dining facility. But facility administration and students say the building will be worth the wait.

Through the Tongue Point Job Corps culinary arts career technical training program, students learn the skills necessary to be employed as cooks in the real world. Unfortunately, the current learning environment was not up to real-world standards.

"This new culinary arts facility will make these kids a lot more employable," Center Director Nancy Pyburn said. "We are mandated to replicate the workplace and where they are right now is not a good replication."

Pyburn said the $4.5 million building is an investment in the program.

"When we can build a new facility and say to the students 'We want you to have the best there is,' then they feel more invested in this community," she explained. "It's just a sense of pride. It makes the program stronger and better."

Funding for the project was not easy to come by, however. Tongue Point, as with all Job Corps divisions, is under the U.S. Department of Labor. As such, all alterations to federal government owned property must be approved by the department.

"Government bureaucracy isn't in touch with the actual needs," Pyburn lamented.

Once funding was secured, some contractor set backs delayed the start of construction. Ground was broken in the fall of last year, and June 29 is set for substantial completion. Things should really get cooking for students by the end of the summer.

The 17,000 square foot facility will house the culinary arts program as well as the campus dining facility. As a boarding school, Tongue Point must serve its students three meals a day, about 1,700 each day. The new dining hall will seat 275, and there is a separate guest dining room for special occasions.

The culinary art classroom will feature individual stations, a computer lab and an instructor station complete with a chef mirror. The kitchen will be equipped with state-of-the-art amenities, thereby better preparing students for working conditions in the job market.

Also to enhance the education of its culinary arts students, the Tongue Point Job Corps Center employs the skills of chef John Newman of Newman's at 988 in Cannon Beach. Chef Newman said he has been cooking since he was 16, and his experience is not unlike those of his students.

"I was one of these kids—a rebellious youth," he said. "It is one of the reasons I took this job. Someone stepped in when I was young. Everybody has the potential for greatness. It is just a process to get them there. It's a neat thing and I feel thankful to be here."

Pyburn said the chef's knowledge and professionalism are a benefit to the school.

"He is magnificent with the kids here," she noted. "It is just fun to walk into his teaching area. Any time a teacher in this program can effect serenity, I have the utmost respect for them."

Tongue Point Job Corps serves young adults ages 16 to 24. The program is free, but students must meet income guidelines to be accepted into the center. The culinary arts program is one of 17 vocational training options available. Students enrolled at Tongue Point primarily come from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. To learn more about the programs offered through Tongue Point Job Corps Center, call 1-800-733-JOBS or visit http://tonguepoint.jobcorps.gov

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Community Run due in Astoria

Tongue Point Job Corps will host a 5k run Sunday, June 24, beginning at the front gate of its location at 37573 Old Highway 30 in Astoria.

Registration is open to the first 150 eligible to race. All ages and abilities are welcome.

The race starts at 9:30 a.m. and will wind through the Alderbrook neighborhood, continue up Ash Street and conclude at the Tongue Point Job Corps Pavilion. The first 20 finishers will receive medals and the top three male and female winners will receive trophies.

Advanced registration is required and includes a T-shirt and light breakfast for $10. The registration deadline is June 19.

For more information, call (503) 338-4924.

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Ryder named Deputy Director at Job Corp Center

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Local chef wins category in Portland Iron Chef competition

Sticking with what he knows best, "French Italian cooking featuring the finest, freshest ingredients", local chef John Newman served "Lobster Purse" hors d'oeuvres as his entry in the People's Choice competition at Portland's Original Iron Chef, May 12 at the Chiles Center in Portland. Competing against three other top area chefs, Newman's creation won by a landslide for its taste, presentation and originality. His award qualifies him to compete in the live cooking competition on the Kitchen Stadium stage at next year's event.

"I really appreciated the opportunity to participate in Children's Relief Nursery and the benefit to help the kids," said Newman. "When chefs compete, kids win!"

Portland's Original Iron Chef is the signature fund-raising event for Children's Relief Nursery, a community-based organization working to end child abuse and neglect by providing early intervention and family support services, at no cost, to high risk Multnomah county families with children from birth through three-years-old. The evening included an auction and a live cooking competition on the Kitchen Stadium Stage. It raises nearly 25 percent of the operating revenue necessary to serve 173 children from 130 families.

"I really looked forward to participating in this event," said Newman. "I'm a four time champion of the Iron Chef Competition at Taste of Tillamook and I've been trying to participate in Portland's event for years." He is already anticipating the excitement of competing on the Kitchen Stadium stage at the 2008 event.

The winner of the main stage Original Iron Chef competition was returning champion Tommy Habetz of Meriwether's in Northwest Portland. He conquered David Sherrill from Bon Appetit and Cathy Whims from Nostrana, also in Portland. Competing against Newman in the People's Choice Competition were Rob Leon from Phresh Organic Catering, David Anderson from Vindalho, both in Portland, and Peter Roscoe from Fulio's Pastaria in Astoria.

Daily Astorian Tabloid: The Lives They Led

Browning never gave up

Spc. Brian Browning

The Iraq War has touched everywhere [illegible] small town [illegible] North Coast is no exception.

Spc. Brian Browning of Astoria, died Feb. 6, 200[illegible] guard tower came under fire south of Baghdad.

Browning attended

b. 1986

[illegible] the Army [illegible] 2005. The 20-year-old was stationed with the 10th Mountain Infantry Division.

He was the son of Perry and Paula Browning. His family remembered a "smart-aleck" with a soft side who found direction and purpose in the service. [illegible] Browning brought home his Army-issue poncho liner complete with tears [illegible] that he [illegible] called his "wubby" just like his childhood blanket. "He had a soft side too," his father said.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski, a former Marine who has attended the funeral of every Oregon serviceman killed in the war, said he had learned a lot about Browning's character [illegible] his death.

"H[illegible] his own way, he made choices that set him back. But eventually, he found his place in life," said Kulongoski. "We should be judged by how we overcome obstacles and our refusal to give up. Spc. Brian Browning never, never gave up."

Browning's family received his Combat Infantry Badge and five medals, a Purple Heart for wounds he received in action, a Bronze Star for meritorious service, a Good Conduct Medal, an Iraqi Campaign Medal and a War on Terror service medal.

Other war victims with local ties include three who died in 2004: Pft. Ken W. Leisten, 20, a familiar figure at Rilea Armed Forces Training Center in Warrenton; Sgt. David A. Mitts, 24, of Hammond, and civilian carpenter-foreman Anthony M. Stramiello [illegible] whose widow Roberta Stramiello [illegible]

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From left, Liz Mateo Gomez, Hannah Phillips, Jasmine Henley, Elyse Erving.

Tongue Point Job Corps students recognized at awards banquet

The Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families held the Youth Recognition Awards Banquet [illegible] Corps students were honored.

The following seven youth received an award to honor their [illegible] al challenges to achieve success for a [illegible] Seago, Jourdan Tabor, Hannah Phillips, Jasmine Henley, Elyse Erving and Liz Mateo Gomez.

Dana Crane, Tongue Point Job Corps vocational counselor who nominated student Jasmine [illegible]

What makes Jasmine stand out is [illegible] error[illegible] nected, self-sufficient lifestyle.

Nikkol Nagle, business and community liaison at Job Corp, said "These girls are stellar!"

Nine students also received awards from the Commission on Children and Families for making significant contributions to the betterment of the community: Hilary O'Bryan, Sierra Earl, Shellyene Winans, Kathryn Rose Beck, Shina Saxton, Derek Boone Spivey, Coreene Angelica Tussing, Henry A. Balensifer III and Ann Branson.

Asset Builders of the Year were selected for making a positive difference in their nominator's life and for helping to build the assets of youth in [illegible] adults each received this award: Jennifer Newton, nominated by Celia Todd; Ramona L. Barkemeyer, nom[illegible] Mizer, nominated by Jourdan Tabor [illegible] Oswald; and Camille Green, nominated by Ashley Sexton.

Angela Fairless received the Individual of the Year award for enhancing the quality of life in the community for children and families.

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Nancy Pyburn, director of Tongue Point Job Corps Center and TPJC staff member Ron Airing, present the Tongue Point Job Corps Center's Community Partner Award to Astoria Fire Chief ... Hansen at the May 21 meeting of the Astoria City Council.

Fire chief earns Community Partner Award

NANCY PYBURN, pictured ab... Corps Center and RON AIRING ... ter's Community Partner A... HANSEN, pictured above rig... Council

Hansen is "personally as well as pro... ty of the kids out here," Pyburn said, ... based learning program. She said a few s... firefighters

She also praised FIRE MARSHAL ... safety-planning for the Center ... its support of the Job Corps pro...

LOCAL CITY AGENCY RECOGNIZED FOR TWO AWARDS FOR ITS SUPPORT OF JOB CORPS PROGRAM

Astoria Fire Department Honored By MTC & Tongue Point Job Corps For "Community Supporter of the Year"

Tongue Point, Astoria, Ore. – May 30, 2007 - Tongue Point Job Corps and Utah-based Management & Training Corporation (MTC) – operator of Tongue Point Job Corps Center – announced today the Astoria Fire Department as "Community Supporter of the Year." The fire department was nominated by Tongue Point Center Director Nancy Pyburn for its local "Community Supporter of the Year." Of 26 Job Corps Centers operated by MTC, the Astoria Fire Department was selected for the corporate honor

"We are very pleased with the community support each of our Job Corps centers receives," said MTC President Scott Marquardt. "In the case of the Astoria Fire Department, our board of directors felt it deserves our Community Supporter of the Year Award for the tremendous gesture it makes in allowing Job Corps students to participate in Work-based learning, volunteer in the fire-fighting program and for keeping the safety of students and staff in the forefront."

"The Astoria Fire Department, backed by the Astoria City Government, goes above and beyond to help this center be a safe place for our students to live and study," said Pyburn. "Chief Hansen holds high standards for quality and service toward the community. We feel fortunate that our students have an opportunity to learn from such great role models."

Community Supporter of the Year

Tongue Point Job Corps recognizes the Astoria Fire Department for the following areas as its "Community Supporter of the Year"

- **Fire Protection & Safety:** The Astoria Fire Department provides contracted fire protection services to Tongue Point Above and beyond these basic services, they conduct fire safety inspections of new and existing buildings/facilities that have helped Tongue Point insure safety
- **Rapid Response To Emergencies:** The Astoria Fire Department delivered a swift response to the October 23, 2006, ammonia spill at an adjacent facility to Tongue Point. They provided information regarding potential harmful effects and measures to protect the health of our staff and students
- **Ideal Role-Model For Students:** The Astoria Fire Department serves as a work-based learning (WBL) site for Tongue Point students enrolled in Accounting and Health Occupations training. The experience for students is unmatchable The Fire Department WBL site supervisors help our students' progress in their professions. They actively participate and communicate with students and staff toward that end
- **Volunteer Fire-Fighting:** The fire department has also provided a mentoring experience for Tongue Point students who are interested in firefighting as an enhancement to their vocational skills

The "Community Supporter of the Year" award is one of eleven honors Management & Training Corporation presents each year, through its "Celebrating Excellence" awards program. Other honorees include students, educators and support staff In addition to operating 26 federal Job Corps centers, MTC also operates 13 correctional facilities in the United States, Canada and Australia

Tongue Point Job Corps Center provides eligible men and women with social, academic and vocational skills needed to secure and retain meaningful careers at no cost. Tongue Point houses 250 male and 250 female students and offers an "every-opportunity-to-succeed" environment. Academic and career training programs are offered including high school diploma, English as a second language, and a college program through Clatsop Community College Accounting carpentry, computer technology, culinary arts, medical vocations and seamanship are among the 17 vocations offered

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Tall ship training is no short order

Lady Washington opens the seas for Tongue Point Job Corps students

By KARA HANSEN
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Tongue Point Job Corps seamanship students, from left, Nathan Clark, 18, and Kekoa Kama, 20, learn about maintenance of the operational three-pound deck guns from Kyle Bruner, 28, the Lady Washington's steward from Indianapolis, Ind., Tuesday.

About 40 Tongue Point Job Corps students took time off from their regular lessons Tuesday to learn about life aboard a historic tall ship.

Climbing onto the 112-foot Lady Washington, a double-masted, square-rigged replica of the 18th-century brig Capt. Robert Gray navigated around Cape Horn and to the Columbia River, they cracked jokes about sinking the dock before checking out the rigging. The ship was tied up at the 17th Street Pier after offering dockside tours and educational sails the past few days.

It was a bit different from their usual work aboard the 180-foot Ironwood, a decommissioned U.S. Coast Guard cutter that doubles as a floating classroom, said Capt. Patrick Albers, director of Tongue Point's seamanship program.

While seamanship students can learn the basics – manning the helm, standing watch and taking commands from officers – their studies stop short of brig sailing.

"We don't do training as far as sailing ships goes," Albers said. "We're in the tugging and towing end of things."

But he hoped an experience on the Lady Washington would open students' eyes to a different set of jobs in the maritime industry. Youths completing the Tongue Point program could apply for a handful of paid positions on the replica or other historic ships, he said. "It's a good opportunity to show them a different, historic side of the industry and what it was like in the old days."

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Ship: Tall ship sailing is a labor of love

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The Lady Washington hosts a 12- to 14-person crew, spending most of its time plying the waters from San Diego to the upper regions off Washington while offering educational programs on nautical heritage. The vessel even sailed to Alaska once.

"We sail quite a bit," said Darryl Hall, the ship's first mate. "We're away most of the year from the homeport," in Aberdeen, Wash.

Crew members are a combination of volunteers and paid hands, including the captain, first mate, engineer and cook.

"There are various levels of work on a vessel like this," explained Hall, who now holds top rank but started as a volunteer in 1993. Still, he said, the Lady Washington needs "experienced help." During two-week training sessions, new recruits learn sail- and line-handling It takes a little longer to get a handle on basic seamanship and understanding how the maritime industry works, he said

The replica vessel was constructed by the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority in Aberdeen, Wash., with historians and nautical architects working to create an accurate reproduction that also meets modern Coast Guard safety standards.

At Tongue Point Job Corps Center, seamanship students can land endorsements as able seamen and qualified members of the engine department under a Coast Guard approved program. It takes two years to earn both qualifications It's the only program of its kind in more than 100 Job Corps centers nationwide

"Out in the industry, they'd have to spend a year and a half, eight hours a day at sea," said Albers But while the local students don't spend all of their training time at sea, they have some experience living in cramped quarters, he added The group recently took a week long "summer cruise" up the Columbia River, experiencing a close-quarters lifestyle. "I think that's one of the more difficult things to teach young people, living together and respecting each other's space," said Albers. Yet it's an important skill for his students to master, he said. "When you're sailing, you may be gone 90 days or ..."

Sailing on a ship like the Lady Washington is a labor of love, according to one deckhand demonstrating equipment to some curious ...

"There's not much money in tall ships," he said, "but you get to sail a square rig everyday"

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ABOVE: Volunteers Otis Downs, left, 24, of San Jose, Calif and Shane Lenartz, 25, of Portland repaint chipped portions of the bow damaged by dropping of the anchor. Two week training sessions are offered for those interested in learning to sail or climb the ranks as a paid hand

LEFT Standing beneath a spar on top of the Lady Washington's poop deck Tuesday, Topman Fred Johnson, 35, describes features on the brig such as a tiller used in place of a ship's wheel, to control the rudder

MORE INFO.

Assisting in the visit to the Lady Washington, was KMUN's Terry Wilson who hosts a show every third Sunday at 7 p.m. each month with the Job Corps students.

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Aboard the double-masted 112-foot Lady Washington, 40 Tongue Point Job Corps students got the chance to learn about the sailing side of the maritime industry, something not typically covered in their seamanship courses.

The Lady Washington spent a week at the Rose Festival in Portland ... The tall ship will then visit Ilwaco, Wash., before docking in Grays Harbor

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Tongue Point teacher paints new picture on the art of barbecuing

When Tom Rowe left [illegible] state [illegible] Texas and ended up [illegible] Nev[illegible], he brought with him his love of barbecue, establishing regular cook-outs for Sierra Nevada Job Corps students.

He's done the same thing in Astoria. A residential adviser at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, Rowe has established the Smokin' Eagles, a team that specializes in the American tradition of barbecue. The young group has even signed on to the Pacific Northwest BBQ Association and competed in a state cook-off over the weekend.

Rowe was a little surprised it took so fast in an area better recognized for its seafood, and a region better known for its appreciation of coffee than the slow going art of authentic barbecue.

"When I transferred to the Northwest, people started talking about barbecues out here but they were talking about burgers and hotdogs - that's grilling," said Rowe. "Up here, you have one association for about four states and two Canadian provinces. Where I come from, we have at least six associations in the one state. There, it's a way of life."

Rowe became involved with barbecue through community service in his hometown, San Marcos, Texas, near Austin. The two are

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But he'd like to organize more barbecue-centered community events. "The only way you get good at American barbecue is to constantly practice."

The Smokin' Eagles team falls under group life and the residential program, allowing students to participate no matter what vocation they typically study, whether culinary arts, welding or seamanship. About [illegible]

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A lot sacrifi[illegible] ime weekends to [illegible] aid Rowe. "The [illegible] run the te[illegible] I'm just the boss."

Each region of the country has its own style of barbe[illegible] south - Texas, North Carolina, Memphis and Kansas City - but the tradition has branched out across the country. "It's so new here, we conform to the Kansas City style of cooking," explained Rowe.

At the Molalla Buckaroo this weekend, a two-day event where the Smokin' Eagles [illegible]

[illegible] smoker, [illegible] ribs and p[illegible] a pork shoulder [illegible] picnic roast.

"One thing about American barbecue that's different than gr[illegible] is it takes a lot of patience" [illegible] up to 14 hours [illegible] "We use low temperatur[illegible]

The contest pits the Sm[illegible]

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[illegible] Texas, the Havalina Cookers, he insists he'd cook with the Smokin' Eagles if they win eligibility.

"We're proud to represent Tongue Point, and we represent not only Tongue Point but Astoria," he said.

"They're building camaraderie and teamwork," said Rowe. "And they get to network

KARA HANSEN The Daily Astorian

Tom Rowe, a native Texan, has started a professional barbecue team for students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, where he's a residential adviser. He says Pacific Northwest residents often confuse grilling with traditional barbecue, "a way of life" where he comes from.

We're talking about competing with some of the finest barbecue cooks in the country. It can be the beginning of a career for them.

"They'll never see barbecue the same again."

Kara Hansen

COMMUNITY

In One Ear

On the road with Miss Oregon contestants

MISS OREGON, Kari Virding, along with the other Miss Oregon contestants, visited TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS BISTRO for lunch June 26. Culinary students prepared a delicious lunch for the Miss Oregon contestants while three Tongue Point students delivered presentations about why they came to Job Corps, and how it is changing their lives.

The contestants and the Tongue Point students got along very well, and it was a wonderful experience for both groups, said NIKKOL NAGLE, Tongue Point Job Corps business and community liaison. She added, "It was awesome, they had such a wonderful time!"

Pictured above, LIZ MATEO GOMEZ, ELYSE ERVING, KARI VIRDING and JASMINE HENLEY.

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A Tongue Point Job Corps medical assisting student checks Rep. Deborah Boone's blood pressure at the North Coast Stand Down for veterans Sept. 8.

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Front row, from left, Leticia Duenes, Sara Jones, Jasemin Stratton and Heather Hammond. Back row, from left, Nora Khalil, Jarrett Huey, Sarah Pearson, Sherida Brown, Instructor Danelle Bighill and Crystal Blower.

Tongue Point students stand up to help veterans

Tongue Point Job Corps students were among the volunteers offering public health services to veterans at the recent North Coast Stand Down.

The annual event also offered assistance with employment and housing and securing benefits through the Veterans Administration at Rilea Armed Forces Training Center Sept. 8.

Bighill, an instructor in medical assisting at Tongue Point, coordinated the booth, where students checked participants' vital signs, blood pressure and blood oxygen levels. Rep. Deborah Boone even stopped by.

"I saw this as a great community event to be a part of for many reasons," said Bighill. "First, the opportunity of working face-to-face with people by taking their vitals is great experience for the students' training. Second, showing students to use their medical assisting skills as a way to serve others, especially our country's veterans, is a valuable lesson in being a part of a community."

All of Tongue Point's health care career-training programs – which also include certified nursing assisting, health occupations and dental assisting – are gearing up for a quarterly review of their curriculums and equipment by industry professionals, including the director of the state Board of Nursing, managers from Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria and representatives of medical clinics in both Astoria and Portland.

The meetings "are of great value to maintain a quality career-training program," said Nikkol Nagle, business and community liaison at Tongue Point. "Who better to provide feedback on the training we offer than the professionals working in the industry?" The council members' input helps Tongue Point keep up with new skills employers need in the workplace and equipment needs. It helps us ensure we are delivering the right skills to make our students as employable as possible."

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007

Diversity (and clean cars) on the agenda for Tongue Point students

The Daily Astorian

Students from Tongue Point Job Corps Center's Diversity Club are planning a car wash for 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the center's entrance, east of Astoria off U.S. Highway 30.

At $5 per car, the money raised will support activities aimed at generating awareness and promoting understanding of all individuals.

"We hold guest lectures, dances and are currently working on a publication that will address topics on diversity from the students' perspectives," said Nikkol Nagle, Tongue Point business and community liaison.

"We're trying to raise money so we can hold more events both on center and in the community. Tongue Point is a diversity treasure for our community. With Clatsop County being more than 90 percent Caucasian, the students who attend here have much to offer. We are definitely a melting pot of diversity."

Submitted photo

Students in the Tongue Point Job Corps Diversity Club stand on Cannon Beach during a diversity training in May. The club is hosting a car wash Tuesday to raise money for more tolerance-related activities.

Young team fires up the grills for Molalla barbecue

The Oregon Buckeroo Barbecue Championship, which takes place this weekend, is not just fun and tasty — it is also a platform for the Molalla River Education Foundation. The proceeds supports grant and scholarships in the Molalla River School District, including the culinary arts program at Molalla High School.

So it seems fitting that one of the competing teams this year is made up of students.

The five members of the Smokin' Eagles come from the Tongue Point Job Corps program in Astoria, where students receive vocational training in a variety of fields, from computers to culinary arts.

Tom Rowe, organizer and head of the Smokin' Eagles Barbecue Cook-Off team, came to Astoria from Austin, Tex., where barbecues were a cultural icon. Rowe loves grilling almost as much as he loves working with kids.

"I'm living the Job Corps dream," he said. "I have the best job on earth."

As a residential advisor in one of the dormitories at Tongue Point, Rowe was delighted to see that there were kitchens in each residence. He started talking to a few of the students in his residence and introduces them to [illegible] that included a host of dry rub seasoned mixtures and using wood instead of charcoal for cooking.

[illegible] students were fascinated," said Rowe. "It all took off from there. We started our own team called the Tongue Point Job Corps Smokin' Eagles and began cooking for events on campus and for charity functions."

The Smokin' Eagles participated in their first official competition during the Annual Oregon Spring Training held May 12th and sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Barbeque Association. For overall total categories, the Smokin' Eagles placed fourth.

Their Super Bowl of barbecue competitions is The American Royal. Rowe's goal is to get his team qualified to compete there and his chance is quickly approaching. The Oregon Buckeroo Barbecue Championship is a qualifying event for The American Royal. The Smokin' Eagles are the only student team and they will face professional in the field of professional barbecue. In order to qualify for The American Royal, they must win the [illegible] Molalla this weekend.

"We're going to be against top notch competition," said Rowe, [illegible]

The MREF manages the annual event, and board member Jude Strader said she is impressed to see a student team competing this year.

"We've never [illegible] students competing at this level," she said. "It's great to have them here, as the Oregon Buckeroo Barbecue Championship is designed to raise awareness around opportunities offered by the Education Foundation. Both programs, the Job Corps and our Foundation work toward a common goal of empowering young adults to succeed."

Tom Rowe says if the Smokin' Eagles don't qualify during the Buckeroo competition, plan B will be to take his team to compete in Chehalis in August.

Job Corps students from Molalla will be here "to cheer on their team," Rowe said.

The Oregon Buckeroo Barbecue Championship takes place Saturday from 11 a.m. [illegible] p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Clark Park, 815 Shirley Street in Molalla.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2007

Job Corps students to lead at camp next week

The Daily Astorian

Five students from Tongue Point Job Corps Center will serve as "tribal councilors" at a camp for rural Oregon youth starting Sunday.

Sergio Diaz, Muse Giday, Rebecca Johnson, Steven Lord and Hannah Phillips were chosen from a larger group of contenders at a training in July. All are among about 500 students living in dormitories and studying various trades east of downtown.

Selected based on 48-hour evaluations at a "pre-camp" of their leadership qualities, teamwork abilities and compassion to serve youth, they will oversee small groups of adolescents ages 13 to 17 at the Survivors Youth Leadership Experience camp mid-August.

Campers spend five days living in dorms and eating in the dining hall at Oregon State University while participating in outdoor activities, including the concluding Ropes Challenge Course, followed by a celebration and dance. They also enjoy a day on the Oregon Coast.

Many of the activities push students to their limits, said Nikkol Nagle, business and community liaison at Tongue Point. "It's all about the students' initiative and willingness to test their own limits around their fears, self-esteem, attitudes and relationships," she said. "The students see early on that the more they put into the camp, the more they will grow."

Hosted by the Oregon Consortium and Oregon Workforce Alliance, the camp aims to provide rural youths with opportunities for personal growth through exercises and activities, and ultimately help them resist risky behaviors such as alcohol- and drug-use. The groups survey campers at the beginning of the session and keep track of them afterward to see how they progress.

According to the results from last [illegible] like [illegible] any [illegible] within the following six months. Gang involvement dropped from 8.2 percent of campers to zero, an increase of 32.2 percent took full- or part-time jobs, the portion in vocational classes climbed from 14.8 percent to 24.5 percent, and 64.2 percent had set career goals, compared to 32.8 percent the first day of camp.

"Youth are the single greatest asset our rural communities have," said Kris Latimer, chief executive officer for the consortium and workforce alliance in a public announcement. "The camp was created to provide rural youth the opportunity to develop skills including leadership, self-reliance and integrity: the needed skills for a strong workforce. This experience helps make a positive shift in the youths' thinking that results in better decision-making moving forward."

As part of the experience, counselors assume camp nicknames. Diaz, [illegible] GED, will be "Dude" at camp. Giday, a certified nursing assistant student who is from Seattle but was born in Ethiopia, will go by "Mulu". Johnson, in Job Corps' landscaping program, will be "Chika"; Lord, in the certified nursing assistant program, will become "Gamer", and Phillips, who enrolled at Clatsop Community College after earning her high school diploma and completing Tongue Point's business and finance vocation, will be "Bubbles."

Submitted photo

Sergio Diaz and Hannah Phillips, both students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, enjoy some time canoeing during a pre-camp for the Youth Survivors Leadership Experience at Oregon State University, where they will be counselors starting Sunday.

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Tongue Point Job Corps students had to climb this ladder at a pre-camp to earn spots as "tribal counselors" at the Youth Survivors Leadership Experience.

Health-care funding and collaboration could open door for helping youth

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Sharon Beatteay, middle, of the Women's Resource Center facilitates a discussion on sexual assault during a class at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center Thursday, Sept. 13, with Vanessa LaVergne, 18, left, and Ky Benham, 18, right. Educational programs aimed at preventing sexual assault and dating violence represent some of the public health offerings available to Clatsop County youths through the resource center.

AAUW looks for common thread that binds programs together

By KARA HANSEN
The Daily Astorian
September 24

Nonprofits, government agencies and schools stitch together the patchwork of programs serving Clatsop County's youth

But more funding and more collaboration could boost the community's abilities to adequately serve children, social service providers said Wednesday

Representatives of the juvenile justice system, Women's Resource Center, Lighthouse for Kids, mental health services and Court-Appointed Special Advocates sat on a panel to describe their programs' offerings and needs at a meeting in downtown Astoria Sponsored by the American Association of University of Women, it was the first session in a planned series on public health resources available to youth.

By speaking to the various groups helping children access social services, the Astoria branch of AAUW hopes to find a common thread that binds the programs together, said Jan Nybakke, program chairwoman

"We've chosen to focus on health and wellness dealing with the middle school and high school and college," she said Group members want to "educate ourselves regarding the state of our schools' health education and health care programs and expectations From this year of learning, we will determine a plan of action for the year 2008-09."

Most of Wednesday's presenters agreed that inadequate access to services at an early age has harsh consequences for youth

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As a volunteer with the Clatsop County Court Appointed Special Advocates program, Jim Atteberry has helped open up a new world for neglected children by keeping them out of long-term foster care or the welfare system, and helping them find a permanent home.

LORI ASSA — The Daily Astorian

In this Jan. 10, 2006, Daily Astorian file photo, Jennifer Bennett, then 15 years old, works with her mentor, Linda Dugan, through the county's Caring Adults Developing Youth program. The mentoring program, a collaboration between the Clatsop County Juvenile Department and the Management and Training Corp. is part of a complex agency network serving local youths.

Health: 'Community has a lot of resources'

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When it comes to mental health, half of all illnesses begin by age 14 and three-quarters by age 24, said Nancy Winters of Clatsop Behavioral Health "Children with mental or emotional problems are regularly dropping out of school, ending up in the custody of child welfare or the juvenile justice system or committing suicide," the second leading cause of death for Oregon youth She listed off the biggest needs within that area, almost all of which were rooted in funding

"We need funding sources that reduce the number of uninsured children," she said "We need a statewide children's mental health system that emphasizes prevention, early intervention and family-centered treatment ... We need funding resources that would provide mental health and substance abuse programs in the schools. ... We need funding resources that would provide mental health and substance abuse treatment for parents of children at risk or suffering from abuse

"Lastly, we need a comprehensive system of community based services with interagency collaboration that will keep kids at home, in school and out of trouble"

But providing a comprehensive system may require a better understanding of what's already in place

Partnerships provide a strong foundation for social programs serving youth, said Georgia Gates, director of the county's Juvenile Department

It's so important to have collaborative partnerships, I strongly believe in that," Gates said "One of the tricks really in trying to understand what our resources are and what programs need to be put in place is (identifying) what is in place, and making sure when you begin a project that you're not offering a redundant service I think we really need to educate ourselves as to what's out there already

Available programs include the Strengthening Families evenings presented in local schools and the substance abuse prevention curriculum offered to junior high classes The state Community Connections Network provides local services for children with special needs, and similar services are offered through the Northwest Regional Education Service District Most school districts use Youth Service Teams to help specific students and their families access needed help each month There are also parenting classes and education programs sponsored by county health services and the Commission on Children and Families

While the juvenile justice program stems from police reports involving minors, it works closely with schools to track young offenders' progress It also runs a mentoring program similar to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, pairing adult volunteers with local teens and adolescents through Caring Adults Developing Youth, or the CADY program

Clatsop Behavioral Health individual and group counseling [illegible] and families versus [illegible] and counseling and [illegible] with other doctors and community providers involved with children and families Court-Appointed Special Advocates guide abused or neglected youths through the court [illegible]

The Women's Resource Center runs an emergency shelter for families and offers a daily violence program in local schools With some state funds it also runs a program helping families to prevent children eventually being put in foster care which CASA Coordinator Diane Heintz credited as cutting down the number of children needing CASA volunteers

After responding to domestic violence cases, Women's Resource Center advocates now follow up with victims to notify them of the situation and possibly explain a child's resulting behavior But Center Director Pat Burness said those connections could be stronger

We need some sort of a connection to the schools," she said, noting a teacher might spend time investigating a situation while the child is getting help through welfare providers and the parents are dealing with domestic violence issues "The schools, I feel, are kind of left out there to do social service We need to come together

Noting some loose threads in social services, Burness called sexual abuse "pervasive" in the community but said its victims often remain silent

We need to do some more work around that," she said "What it is I'm not quite sure, but we need to be a community that's talking about it and going in and doing something about it

Diana Smith, director of the Lighthouse for Kids, the county's child abuse assessment center, agreed Law enforcement or child welfare officials refer children to the Lighthouse for interviews and medical examinations abuse is suspected As many as one in four girls are sexually abused and as many as one in six boys, she said although both numbers could be higher Based on the slim number of referrals "I don't think we're meeting the children's needs in this community

"There's a lot of stigma attached to it and there's a lot of secrecy around it," said Smith "People don't like to report on their neighbors teachers at schools don't like to report on kids so people tread very lightly in this area

I would like to have more education to teachers and a bigger comfort level in the community to talk about it, to help people who have these problems in their families to help our relatives who have these problems to not be afraid of the issues

The community has a lot of resources, it's a caring community but we're still getting up to speed being comfortable with some of these subjects," she said, adding at the meeting's end "It's all about the kids

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Tongue Point Job Corps student Jesse Hancock, 17, fills out a survey for use during a discussion about sexual assault Sept. 13. Students provided answers ranging from strongly agree to strongly disagree to statements such as "girls should be allowed to dress however they want Then students were asked to take part in a role play and justify their answers

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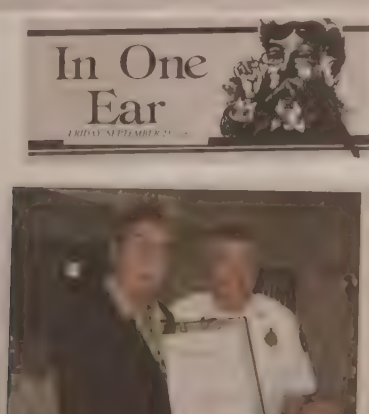

Fire Department sparks with learning

NANCY PYBURN, pictured above left, director of Tongue Point Job Corps Center, presents two plaques to Astoria Fire Chief LENARD HANSEN, pictured above right, at the Monday Astoria City Council meeting, along with a check for $500

The Astoria Fire Department was named Community Supporter of the Year by Management & Training Corporation for its "excellent contributions to the students and staff" at TPJC In addition, AFD will be featured in the Job Corps video magazine and Job Corps Resource newsletter [illegible]

Thanking Pyburn, Hansen returned the compliment "You are great partners and you're not at all hard to work with," Hansen said

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CASEY CAMPBELL . GAZETTE-TIMES

High above the ground, Tristan Neal reaches for the trapeze bar as he leaps from the log pole at the challenge course at Oregon State University on Thursday. Neal is one of the many teens from across Oregon taking part in the seventh annual Survivors Youth Leadership Experience, which spent part of the day participating in the different challenges at the course.

Facing the challenge

'Survivors' campers learn leadership and coping skills

BY THERESA HOGUE
GAZETTE-TIMES REPORTER

High above the crowd and silhouetted against a bright blue sky, Tristan Neal stood balanced at the narrow top of a log pole. A short distance away was a trapeze bar, dangling tantalizingly in front of him.

The Lakeview High School junior stood still, breathing hard and concentrating on the jump he was about to make. Below him, his friends screamed encoura...

"You're my hero!"

With that, Tristan ... and for an exhilar... ment, hung onto the b... his left hand and then dropped ...

... more cheers.

Tristan, whose right arm ends in a rounded stump, has faced a lot of challenges growing up in rural Oregon, including years of teasing and feeling isolated. But after a week at the seventh annual Survivors Youth Leadership Experience, he ...

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it has changed his life.

"I'm not going to care what people think of me," he said. "I'm going to have a positive attitude."

Tristan said he has experienced support and respect from his peers that he rarely experienced at home, and the week has given him the confidence that he can face any challenge. And that's exactly the point of the camp.

The campers are all from rural Oregon, and all are at risk in their communities because of poverty, family problems or run-ins with law enforcement. The camp focuses on building leadership and coping skills, and it helps campers change or avoid destructive behaviors.

"The biggest thing they see is an increase in self-awareness and self-confidence," said Kris Latimer, executive director of the Oregon Consortium and the Oregon Workforce Alliance. And for kids without much faith in their own abilities, the chance to barrel down the zip line can really change their outlook.

Zach Higgins came bouncing off one of the challenges with a grin on his face. The Prineville senior called the camp "pretty much awesome."

Meeting other teens from across Oregon and making new friends was great, but so was challenging himself to try all the ropes course events.

"It's the highlight of my summer," he said.

Tessa Green will be a freshman in Baker this fall, and said she was pretty homesick for the first few days of camp, but by Thursday, she felt a whole lot better about life at camp.

"Even though it might suck in the beginning, you'll have fun," she said.

Camp counselors are provided through Job Corps, a program that provides residential job training to students. The counselors were as enthusiastic as the campers about the camp experience, including Jordon Day, who found the leap from the pole to the trapeze bar especially unnerving.

"It was wobbly and my knees started to buckle," he admitted.

Day said he loved what the Job Corps has done to change his life, and was happy to participate in a camp that was altering the lives of younger kids.

Counselor Joseph Cripps, known to campers as Big Bear, said the week has been extremely intense.

"It's one of the few things in my life I'm really proud of," he said. "The change has been breathtaking."

CASEY CAMPBELL . GAZETTE-TIMES

Tessa Green closes her eyes and holds on tight to the support rope as she heads down the zip line at the challenge course on Thursday. Green said she started shaking as she climbed the pole to the top she was still shaking after she was back on the ground but still found the courage to complete the challenge.

Seaside Signal

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Volunteers stuff 1,000 backpacks for local school kids

by KATHERINE HEAD
Seaside Signal

In assembly line fashion, 1,000 children's backpacks were stuffed with supplies last week in preparation for the first day of school.

Communities in Schools of the North Coast completed its annual backpack stuffing project at Warrenton Grade School ... 23. The backpacks will be ... to kindergarten through second-grade students throughout Clatsop County.

"They all get them because we don't want any child to be identified as needier than any other," Executive Director Karna Cupples said. "If parents think their child doesn't need a pack, they can return it and it will be given to an older child who does."

Students from the Tongue Point Job Corps program were on hand to help North Coast Communities in School board ... and community volunteers complete the task. Because of their involvement, the backpacks were stuffed and ready for ...

Costco provides the backpacks each year ... up from 900 in last year. The packs are filled with crayons, notebook, folders, glue, pencils, granola bars, and ... and this year the Red ... have first-aid kits with information about tsunami awareness. Several community members, organizations and businesses donated money or supplies for the effort. The Seaside Rotary gave $500, while Shore Bank, ... Credit Union, U.S. Bank, McDonald's, local Army recruiters, Dr. Kate and Rodney Merrill and Lance Albritton also stepped up with donations.

The importance of the backpack project goes beyond the donation of school supplies. Project Chairman Mark Pokin noted that the backpacks get each student started off on the same foot.

"It seems like a simple thing – stuffing a backpack. But the backpack is a symbol for a lot more, like providing the tools for those kids to get an education," Board Chairman Mark Popkin said.

In addition to the backpack project, North Coast Communities in Schools also runs the Lunch Buddy mentor program. Cupples said the program is "always in need of volunteers."

"We always have more children sign up than volunteers," she noted.

Mentors sign up to designate a lunch hour a week to a local elementary or junior high student. The program is including Astoria Middle School this year. All volunteers must complete a background check and be fingerprinted.

"It's just 45 minutes a week during the lunch hours. Volunteers get to chose what day they want to come," she explained. "There's a lot of flexibility."

Cupples said evaluations are completed at the end of every school year and that "The kids' only complaint is that their mentor only comes once a week."

To be a Lunch Buddy for a local student, or to make a donation to the backpack project, contact Cupples at (503) 738-6042.

KATHERINE HEAD Seaside Signal

Above right: Tongue Point student Guy Rodriguez holds out an armful of backpacks to be loaded with supplies during the annual stuffing day last Thursday. Top left: Karna Cupples loads a pack with pencils. Bottom left: Seaside Rotarians Jim and Maureen Casterline (left) present Communities in School of the North Coast reps Mark Popkin and Karna Cupples with a $500 check.

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In One Ear

Family fun hits the plaza

The Astoria Park and Community Services and several other local organizations held the first ASTORIA FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL Aug. 25 in the downtown plaza, and judging from the turnout (more than 500 people), it was a big hit.

There was a huge inflatable slide, a crawl through Noah's Ark and a large variety of hands-on science, art, craft and game activities. The Ear was intrigued to hear there were instructions on how to make peanut butter pine cone bird feeders and ...

Children could play ... games and win prizes, or get involved in projects like making bubbles, face painting, balloon art, car racing and painting a mural for the festival. Food, entertainment and the ASTORIA CLOWNS with their balloons rounded out the fun-filled package.

The good people who planned this event included Recreation Supervisor JIM KRETTLER, ... CINDY HOWE and JASON JONES, ... SONJA NIEMI, Astoria Visual Arts representative JAMIE BOYD, Tongue Point Job Corps employee NIKKOL NAGEL, New NW Broadcasters employee PAT ROSCOE and TONY DeGORDE of Clatsop Community Action. Volunteers from Tongue Point Job Corps and the Astoria Children's Museum manned the booths for the day.

Well done! Hopefully this will become an annual event as the art of slime making is on the Ear's "to do" list. Yes, really, it is.

Send us your ears! If you have an item for In One Ear, send it to Elleda Wilson, Newsroom, The Daily Astorian, P.O. Box 210, Astoria OR 97103 or e-mail ewilson@dailyastorian.com. Include a daytime phone number for follow-up calls.

Tongue Point Job Corps tour opens eyes for visitor

The following column first appeared in The Daily Astorian's sister newspaper, the East Oregonian in Pendleton.

By ART HILL
For the East Oregonian Publishing Group

Ever take a side trip that turned out to be the gem of your whole itinerary? If you haven't been to Astoria lately, go for the history, the seafood and the vibrant downtown district.

But if you're an employer, or you're interested in opportunities for youth in our communities, arrange a side trip to the Tongue Point Job Corps Center a couple of miles east on U.S. Highway 30.

Nothing, especially conventional wisdom about Job Corps, could have prepared me for what I experienced on our tour of the facility and our conversations with students.

Our first impression got it exactly right – the banner over the entrance proudly announced that this center is among the top 10 in the nation. As you walk or drive through the campus, you begin to see why – neatly dressed students, some in work uniforms, no scary hair or street costumes, some talking or laughing in groups, and everybody either working or moving between work and class.

Our tour was arranged in advance so we had a guide who took us beyond surface impressions. She was a business student and responded to our questions with the poise of a well-trained customer service rep. As we passed through buildings that looked like the cleaning and painting crews had just left, she gave us as much detail as we asked for – culinary program dinner schedules, commercial painting class renovations of building facades, student social activities, a wealth of international backgrounds and cultures and zero tolerance for drugs and violence.

We were met at the welding shop, not by an instructor, but by the shift supervisor, a young man whose student responsibilities include the progress and safety of his classmates and acting as spokesman for the program. He was knowledgeable, articulate, respectful and self-confident. There is no doubt in my mind that he will have a long list of job offers when he completes his training, or that he will build his own successful business.

For more than 500 students ages 16 to 24, this campus is home for eight months to two years. For some, it's their first positive educational experience. For others, it's a chance to turn their lives around. A few won't make it. Maybe they don't share their classmates' goals or drive. Maybe they're not ready for the self-discipline, rigorous schedule or teamwork. But many will continue their formal education and nearly all will be employed based on the skills they have developed.

Some employers complain there are no more young people with a good work ethic. I'm sure Job Corps isn't perfect, but it was a real eye opener for this observer. On one hand, its programs and students are inspiring; on the other hand, it is an urgent reminder not to overlook a huge group of responsible, motivated and skilled young people in our communities.

There's more about Tongue Point at http://tonguepoint.jobcorps.gov, and all Job Corps locations and programs at http://jobcorps.dol.gov. Anyone who cares about youth opportunities would do well to tour Tongue Point. It was the gem of my itinerary and it may turn out to be the gem of yours.

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More Tongue Point students ready to help with San Francisco Bay oil spill

By KARA HANSEN The Daily Astorian

During a past training drill on the NRC Columbia, Tongue Point Job Corps students in the seamanship program learn to deploy gear from the oil recovery vessel. The black sweep broom is used as a corral to contain spilled oil. Completing hazardous operations training qualifies the students for working on oil-spill response crews, as many are doing this month in San Francisco.
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During a training drill on the NRC Columbia, Tongue Point Job Corps students in the seamanship program learn to deploy gear from the oil-recovery vessel. Lory brush skimmers, which look a bit like giant yellow pipe cleaners, are used to soak up and skim oil off the water and into holding tanks aboard a vessel. Completing hazardous operations training qualifies the students for working on oil-spill response crews, as many are doing this month in San Francisco.
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At least 20 more students from the Tongue Point Job Corps Center are heading to San Francisco to skim oil from the bay's surface and remove sticky tar balls from blackened beaches

Eleven others who trekked down by bus in early November will return to Oregon Dec 5, after spending nearly a month working 12- to 14-hour days, seven days a week, mopping up 58,000 gallons of toxic bunker fuel that oozed from the hull of a damaged 810-foot container ship Nov. 7

Most of the students have been involved in beach cleanup, while a few have operated small boats in the harbor

"They're putting in long hours and working hard," said Capt Patrick Albers, director of Tongue Point's seamanship program. "I think that's been a little different for them."

Tongue Point is one of 120 Job Corps centers nationwide offering free education and vocational training for low-income or at-risk youth through the U.S. Department of Labor. It's the only center to offer seamanship training. Most students live in dormitories on-site

For those in the maritime program, training in hazardous waste operations and emergency response is provided through a contract with the National Response Corporation, and in return, the company has a qualified and reliable source of responders to spills

Students working on emergency crews earn anywhere from $12 hourly to $36 an hour if they work overtime and on a holiday, such as Thanksgiving, according to instructors. In San Francisco earlier this month, one of the Tongue Point youths reported putting in 100 hours within the first week. "They're getting lots of overtime," Albers said

Meanwhile, additional students are wrapping up some classroom lessons on hazardous materials this week. Those relieving the first response team include trainees from Tongue Point's facilities maintenance, carpentry and landscaping programs as well.

Some 20 or 21 students will leave for California today or Friday to help with the serious spill, Albers said. Officials have called it the area's worst in two decades

Environmental advocates have warned that in addition to wildlife already killed, the sticky disaster could threaten birds, marine mammals and fish for years to come. The container ship spewed oil into the bay after sideswiping a Bay Bridge support and rupturing its fuel tanks. Thousands of people responded to the early November accident, hoping to clean up the mess and prevent further damage

Although much of the work occurs through hired firms, Tongue Point students are acquiring more than money and resume material, the seamanship director said

"I think it's a great opportunity for the kids to get down there and get some hands-on experience working in conditions that aren't always ideal," Albers said. "All this stuff is outside, and they put in long hours, they're probably not used to that. And they've got to work in a team-oriented atmosphere. I think it's a really good experience for them.

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Tongue Point students work on San Francisco spill clean-up

By KARA HANSEN
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Tongue Point Job Corps students are among maritime responders in San Francisco mopping up some 58,000 gallons of toxic bunker fuel in hopes of warding off further damage to the area's birds, marine mammals and fish - which could face repercussions for years to come

The oil poured from an 810-foot single-hulled container ship after it sideswiped San Francisco's Bay Bridge Wednesday and ruptured its fuel tanks - spewing heavy-duty fuel into the bay and blackening miles of beaches with sticky, hazardous goo

Eleven Tongue Point seamanship students piled onto a bus late Friday afternoon and headed to the scene of the spill, San Francisco's worst in two decades. There, they'll mostly work on beaches, raking up contaminated debris, said Tim Pugh, assistant director of the seamanship program

Meanwhile, they'll be raking in cash. Working with the National Response Corporation, students will earn anywhere from $12 hourly to $36 an hour if they work overtime on a holiday, Pugh said. "That's pretty good bucks for a Tongue Point Job Corps student."

Operated under the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps is a free education and vocational training program for low-income or at-risk young people, ages 16 through 24. One of about 120 Job Corps locations nationwide, Tongue Point is the only center offering a seamanship training program. Students complete hazardous waste operations and emergency response training provided by National Response Corp., and in return, they're qualified to work for the company.

"It's a win-win situation," said Pugh. "These kids get some really cool training, some cool experience, and they get to make some money. And National Response Corp. has a very reliable source for responders to oil spills. That experience means a lot to a maritime employer."

But the job won't be easy. Much of the fuel will never be recovered, instead sinking deep and settling into sediment and soils of the bay's bottom and nearby wetlands, officials reported last week. And while authorities aren't sure of the spill's long-term impacts, widespread concerns have been raised about lingering consequences for wildlife.

More than a decade after the larger 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska, scientists at Auke Bay Laboratory were still finding oil in the area, noting "some species have not recovered" and that "the production of the ecosystem appears 'out of sync' as major salmon and herring fisheries have not returned to stability."

Citing contamination concerns, commercial fishers in San Francisco are urging state officials to delay the Dungeness crab season opener indefinitely. As of Sunday, almost 12,300 gallons of oil had been recovered from the bay and an additional 4,060 gallons had likely evaporated, according to the U.S. Coast Guard-led group heading up the response.

This isn't the first time Tongue Point students have been involved with a national oil disaster. Pugh said they began their work with National Response Corp. in 1996, when a cargo ship oozed 40,000 gallons of heavy fuel into the San Francisco Bay. Students were also involved with cleaning up after the New Carissa ran aground near Coos Bay, and they've been deployed as far away as Philadelphia for spills.

Each instance has given students an opportunity for hands-on learning, said Capt. Patrick Albers, seamanship program director. "This really provides them a real-life situation where it's not just a classroom-type lesson," he said. "This is actually happening. In that sense, the experience is invaluable."

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Tongue Point Job Corps tour opens eyes for visitor

The following column first appeared in The Daily Astorian's sister newspaper, the East Oregonian in Pendleton.

By ART HILL
For the East Oregonian Publishing Group

Ever take a side trip that turned out to be the gem of your whole itinerary? If you haven't been to Astoria lately, go for the history, the seafood and the vibrant downtown district.

But if you're an employer, or you're interested in opportunities for youth in our communities, arrange a side trip to the Tongue Point Job Corps Center a couple of miles east on U.S. Highway 30.

Nothing, especially conventional wisdom about Job Corps, could have prepared me for what I experienced on our tour of the facility and our conversations with students.

Our first impression got it exactly right – the banner over the entrance proudly announced that the center is among the top 10 in the nation. As you walk or drive through the campus, you begin to see why – neatly dressed students, some in work uniforms, no scary hair or street costumes, some talking or laughing in groups, and everybody either working or moving between work and class.

Our tour was arranged in advance so we had a guide who took us beyond surface impressions. She was a business student and responded to our questions with the poise of a well-trained customer service rep. As we passed through buildings that looked like the cleaning and painting crews had just left, she gave us as much detail as we asked for – culinary program dinner schedules, commercial painting class renovations of building facades, student social activities, a wealth of international backgrounds and cultures and zero tolerance for drugs and violence.

We were met at the welding shop, not by an instructor, but by the shift supervisor, a young man whose student responsibilities include the progress and safety of his classmates and acting as spokesman for the program. He was knowledgeable, articulate, respectful and self-confident. There is no doubt in my mind that he will have a long list of job offers when he completes his training, or that he will build his own successful business.

For more than 500 students ages 16 to 24, this campus is home for eight months to two years. For some, it's their first positive educational experience. For others, it's a chance to turn their lives around. A few won't make it. Maybe they don't share their classmates' goals or drive. Maybe they're not ready for the self-discipline, rigorous schedule or teamwork. But many will continue their formal education and nearly all will be employed based on the skills they have developed.

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Tongue Point among hardest hit

By KARA HANSEN
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From left, Amanda Hanson, 18, pays the hefty fee for a stay on Connecticut Avenue during a game of Monopoly Tuesday with Christopher Nguyen, 19, Chad Wallow, 20, and Yakov Shamara, 28, inside one of the residence halls at Tongue Point Job Corps Center. ALEX PAJUNAS/ The Daily Astorian

Emerging from a two-day storm that blasted the North Coast with hurricane-force winds and knocked out power to the entire county, many local residents on Tuesday took their first good look at the aftermath.

The damage was evident at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, the former U.S. Navy base on the banks of the lower Columbia River, which suffered some big blows Sunday and Monday.

The storm also disrupted the lives of Tongue Point students, whose holiday break has been bumped up to Thursday from Dec. 14.

Trees toppled onto buildings, including houses rented by center staff. One man was nearly crushed as he slept in bed, said Tongue Point Job Corps Director Nancy Pyburn.

A strong gust tore the roof off a barge used as a classroom for seamanship students. A few windows blew out of the academic building.

But the recreation center bore the brunt of the destruction.

Winds ripped flashing from the tops of buildings, leaving roofs in the open. Without the protective barrier, rain soaked through, pooling on gym floors and sending a cascade of saturated ceiling tiles onto pool tables, art equipment, the roller-skating rink and movie theater.

Now, insulation hangs from beams in the pool room, and former ceiling tiles litter tops of pool tables and floors, smooshing beneath feet like wet, balled-up paper.

Pyburn, dealing with the storm in her final week before retirement, is worried the recreation center will never be fully fixed.

"The government has no money for domestic programs to start with. ... We figure this building alone will cost at least $300,000 to fix," Pyburn said. "It might not be seen as essential to the training program."

Operated under the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps offers free education and training for youths, ages 16 through 24. Tongue Point is among more than 100 Job Corps centers nationwide, serving up to 500 students at a time. Most students live in on-site dormitories.

Pyburn said the recreation center serves as an outlet for their energy when classes and training sessions are over.

"The students live here, and they have to have some place to go other than their rooms every night," she said. "To me, it's essential when you have 500 kids here for them to have something constructive to do."

Without the recreation center - and without classes, because electricity use is limited with generators - students are adapting to a low-tech lifestyle.

It was a big change of pace, said Berta Goicochea, who supervises one of the residential halls.

"They're usually in class from 8 to 4," she said. "And they're so used to their electronics. They didn't know what to do."

Instead of watching TV or playing videogames, students have been passing time playing games like Monopoly, Scattergories and chess.

"It's different," said Chad Long, 20, who was reportedly winning a game of Monopoly thanks to vocational training in business and finance. He acknowledged "different" might not be so bad.

Monopoly opponent Chris Nguyen, 19, agreed.

"It sucks, but it brings us all together at the same time," he said. "We get to know each other a little better."

Meanwhile, many students are also helping to clean up the mess.

On Tuesday, those from Job Corps' "hard trades," such as cement masonry, welding, facilities maintenance, painting, plastering and glazing were assigned to work on teams and clear debris.

And things are mostly back to normal, said Pyburn, the center director. That's her goal.

"I think we should keep up as many activities as possible; I want to keep it as normal as possible," she said. "Thank goodness the wind stopped when it did."

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Winning is easy as pie or simple as salmon

By KARA HANSEN
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ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian
Charity Sauerwein, right, a Tongue Point Job Corps student, and culinary arts instructor John Newman, owner of Newmans at 988 in Cannon Beach, take a short break in a busy lunch hour Thursday at Tongue Point's bistro Sauerwein recently won first place in a seafood-cooking contest at the Northwest Food Processors Association 2008 trade show

A humble dish swung a Tongue Point Job Corps student into the spotlight last week, when "Simple Salmon Sauerwein" won first place in a seafood-cooking contest at the Northwest Food Processors Association 2008 trade show.

The dish's namesake, 23-year-old Charity Sauerwein, dressed up the unassuming fillet with a lemon-cream sauce, perching it on a bed of portobello-mushroom risotto for the competition But the Job Corps student's original recipe aims to honor the natural flavor and texture of her - and her grandfather's - favorite fish. As the name implies, the dish requires few ingredients. The fillet gets only a quick dusting of flour before it is sauteed

"It's inspired by my grandpa," Sauerwein said, during a break at the culinary arts training facility at Tongue Point. "He and I have a real passion for salmon, it's one of our favorite seafoods But every time we go to a restaurant and order salmon, it's always way dressed up We made this recipe because salmon is such a beautiful fish by itself It doesn't need a whole lot; it's simple salmon "

ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian
Charity Sauerwein and Kelly Pitts fill up glasses with chocolate milkshakes, as the two try and keep up with demand Thursday at Tongue Point's bistro.

It's unclear whether Sauerwein's win means administrators have realized their culinary arts dreams. When construction was just beginning on the recently opened state-of-the-art cooking facility, center leaders hoped Job Corps classes could one day rival the prestigious programs of Western Culinary Institute, a high-priced school in Portland.

"Simple Salmon" took the gold after a heated one-hour competition against two Western Culinary students, whose creations included sturgeon with blueberry sauce

Under observation by a panel of judges, each contestant had to make and plate six identical meals onstage at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Tongue Point was invited to participate by Eric Jenkins, the Duncan Law Seafood Consumer Center's head chef.

"It was really intimidating being onstage," said Sauerwein, noting she was nervous as well as doubtful of her odds for defeating Western Culinary. "But it was a great opportunity, and I had a lot of fun doing it."

Tongue Point is one of 120 Job Corps centers nationwide offering free education and job training, mostly for economically disadvantaged youths. Students in the culinary arts program start with basic food preparation before moving on to more advanced cooking styles and techniques. They *also learn the business side of the industry, costing out ingredients, materials* and labor, and studying workplace sanitation

Those skills are showcased each week at Tongue Point's bistro, a restaurant open Thursdays for students and center staff But they'll also be on display Tuesday for diners sampling regional chefs' selections at the annual Lite Bite, a benefit for the Clatsop County Women's Resource Center.

Each year, the resource center serves thousands of county residents who have been victims of domestic or sexual violence; the nonprofit also assumed operations of Pioneer House in 2006, running the only area shelter serving homeless children.

And each year, Baked Alaska hosts about a dozen chefs from other restaurants, who showcase their culinary talents while raising money for the WRC.

That's a good fit for the students at Tongue Point, culinary arts instructor John Newman said, calling community service a "requirement" of the federally funded program.

"It gives them experience, and it's for a good cause," he said. "It gets them involved."

As chef and owner of Newmans at 988 in Cannon Beach, Newman will host his own station at the fundraising event, serving shellfish ravioli with marsala and hazelnuts, a dish inspired by food from the Italian island Sardinia.

Tongue Point students' booth will feature dessert: cheesecake truffles and crispy-sweet Pavlova, a meringue dessert, served with berries

It will be a nice change of pace for Sauerwein While she's considering a career solely in restaurants, she has additional aspirations.

"I'd really like to be either a sous-chef in a restaurant, or a pastry chef," she said

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Job Corps' culinary arts is a rising star

Kudos to Charity Sauerwein and to John Newman for mentoring her

After an uneasy relationship in the beginning, the Tongue Point Job Corps Center (TPJCC) has become a valued component of Astoria. It's safe to say that a large portion of Astoria's population recognizes the importance of TPJCC's work Job Corps students have worked occasionally in area businesses. The center's staff brings to our community a level of skills and interests that make this a more interesting place to live.

Now we have evidence that TPJCC's culinary arts curriculum is breaking new ground. Kara Hansen reported in our Jan 21 edition that Charity Sauerwein, a local Job Corps student, won first place in a regional seafood-cooking contest She did it with a dish of her own creation, called Simple Salmon That is a remarkable accomplishment

Sauerwein's instructor at TPJCC is the renowned Cannon Beach chef John Newman. Sauerwein told our reporter Hansen that she would like to become a sous-chef or pastry chef.

Some two decades ago, there wasn't much restaurant action in Astoria All the good food was in Cannon Beach or on the Long Beach Peninsula There has since been a restaurant explosion, and high quality eating establishments are more equally distributed along the North Coast and the peninsula. Thus there is elevated demand for restaurant personnel

It was a smart decision for TPJCC to enhance its culinary arts curriculum With more stand-outs like Sauerwein, the center will be on the map

We applaud Sauerwein and all of her Job Corps colleagues. We also applaud John Newman for taking the time to mentor young chefs.

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Tongue Point students remember two women killed in car crash

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Liz Mateo Gomez

Liz Mateo-Gomez is pictured after a Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families Youth Recognition Awards banquet She was one of seven youths honored for their achievements in overcoming personal challenges.

Friends of two Tongue Point Job Corps students killed in a weekend car crash remembered the young women Monday as caring individuals headed toward brighter futures

Liz A. Mateo Gomez, 17, of Beaverton, and Roxana M. Chavez, 23, of Tigard, died in the head-on collision, which happened at 3 45 p m Sunday on U.S. Highway 26 east of Elsie

After spending the weekend out of town, Mateo and Gomez were returning to Tongue Point, where both were obtaining education and job training through Job Corps, a federally funded program

"Both young women were good students pass privileges," said center Director and returning to the center on weekend Kim Shillinger. He said students, who live in dorms on the old Navy base in Astoria, were assembled Monday, and extra support was called in to provide grief counseling

A memorial wall has been designated in the dining hall, and a service is planned Thursday afternoon for students and staff

Mateo Gomez was particularly active among the center's 500 charges and participated in student government Last July, she spoke to Miss Oregon contestants about why she enrolled in Job Corps and how it had affected her life She was honored by the Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families last May as one of seven winners of the Youth Recognition Award, which acknowledges young people who overcome personal challenges to achieve better prospects for the future.

Jessica Jensen, who works at Tongue Point, commented on Mateo Gomez in an online posting Monday

"It's so sad to know that she isn't here anymore," Jensen said, noting that she saw the 17-year-old Friday afternoon. "I even told her how proud I was of her and that she had come such a long way in the program. I even told her she deserved to be student of the month

"It was a sad day today for our students "

Lourdes Partida, who shared an apartment with Chavez in Tigard, said the crash victim had enrolled at Tongue Point in 2006 to study to be a dental assistant or certified nursing assistant.

"She was really nice, really lovely," Partida, 29, said. "She really cared about people around here

Oregon State Police continued Monday to investigate the crash, which also killed a 21-year-old California woman, whose name is being withheld until her family is notified, and injured four other people

The women were passengers in a westbound Volkswagen Jetta that crossed the center line of the two-lane road for an unknown reason and collided with a Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Walter E "Wally" Remmers Jr., a prominent Portland-area developer.Chavez, seated center in the rear, was pronounced dead at the scene, along with Mateo Gomez, a passenger up front. The California woman died en route to Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center in Portland

Florencio Martinez Butron, 22, of Gardena, Calif., was driving on U S. 26 about five miles east of Elsie when his Jetta crossed into the truck's path He was in good condition at Legacy Emanuel on Monday

Lt. Gregg Hastings, a state police spokesman, said the road was not icy and Martinez Butron was not impaired by alcohol or drugs He said that stretch of road, near milepost 25, was not particularly dangerous and called the crash "strange and tragic."

Hastings said the driver and Mateo Gomez were wearing safety belts, but the three people in the back seat were not The third back-seat passenger was the driver's brother Miguel Angel Martinez Butron, 21, who was taken by LifeFlight helicopter to Legacy Emanuel with critical injuries, remained in serious condition this morning

Jamie M Dallas, 34, of Portland, a passenger in Remmers' truck, was in good condition today at Legacy Emanuel with minor injuries

Reason unknown in fatal crash near Elsie

Head-on State police investigate a collision on U S 26 in which three women died

By HOLLY DANKS and RICK BELLA

Oregon State Police continued Monday to investigate a head-on crash that killed three women and injured four other people, including a prominent Portland-area developer.

The crash happened at 3:45 p.m. Sunday on U.S. 26 east of Elsie. Liz A. Mateo Gomez, 17, of Beaverton, and Roxana M. Chavez, 23, of Tigard were killed along with a 23-year-old California woman whose identity was withheld pending notice to family.

The women were passengers in a Volkswagen Jetta that

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Bar pilots' gift helps train Tongue Point students

A fully-equipped pilot boat donated by the Columbia River Bar Pilots lets seamanship program students learn maritime skills on the real thing

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The Columbia River Bar Pilots recently gave their pilot boat Columbia to the Tongue Point Job Corps Center for its seamanship program.

Seamanship students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center row into the docks Students must have training in survival craft

The Tongue Point Job Corps' seamanship program got a big boost last month when the Columbia River Bar Pilots donated one of their pilot boats, Columbia, to the program

The bar pilots are transitioning to faster boats that work in tandem with the helicopter that delivers bar pilots to and from ships in the ocean

The seamanship program offers training for 46 students, who have to dedicate 18 months to the program The Tongue Point center is the only Job Corps in existence offering this kind of training

The seamanship curriculum offers five programs: AB - able seaman limited, QMED - qualified member of the engine department, STCW95 - standards of training, certification and watchkeeping, RFPNW - rating forming part of a navigation watch, and RFPEW - rating forming part of engine watch

Seamanship students gain experience as deckhands on the bar pilot boats "It's very good for us to have a source and good for them to work for us," said Bar Pilot Capt Robert Johnson. "We work in horrendous weather to keep the bar open as much as possible. If they can work for us, they can go out and work for anyone."

Bar pilots go on 4,000 missions a year, averaging 12 per day

The bar pilots asked that the Job Corps share the boat with the Marine Environmental Research Training Station The Job Corps will use Columbia for training and MERTS can use the vessel for scientific research. The low-sitting hull is good for oceanographic type research

Patrick Albers, director of the Job Corps program said, "Because the bar pilots had to keep Columbia in pristine working order, the donation to Job Corps is very valuable. It came with spare parts and saved the program thousands of dollars the program would have spent on its current boat, the John N."

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Job Corps celebrates completion of new building

New dining hall, state-of-the-art culinary arts facility opens at Tongue Point Center

Almost two years after construction started, Tongue Point Job Corps Center students and staff are done waiting for the opening of a new dining hall and state-of-the-art culinary arts facility

Submitted photo
A view of Tongue Point Job Corps Bistro from the water

Center staff were joined by Astoria officials and community partners Wednesday at a ribbon-cutting event for the biggest project ever completed at Tongue Point, which sits on a former Navy site. The $4.5 million upgrade demonstrates the U.S Department of Labor's ongoing commitment to invest in the Job Corps program, administrators said

"This is the largest Job Corps project to occur at Tongue Point," said Center Director Kim Shillinger. "It not only fills the need we have to provide 1,700 meals per day efficiently, but it upgrades the facilities for our already well-respected culinary vocational program " Ron Airing, the center's director of finance and administration, noted local businesses played a large role in the facility's construction, with J.P. Plumbing winning a contract and Astoria Builder's Supply and City Lumber providing many materials

JOLENE HARTILL – The Daily Astorian
From left, Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen and City Manager Paul Benoit at the grand opening of Tongue Point Job Corps Center's new culinary arts and dining facility

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Skip Hauke said, "This is an excellent example of how funding appropriated for federal programs, such as Job Corps, can be reinvested in the community Such investment adds to the economic stability of the community."

The landscaping, which includes fountains, stone paths and an herb garden, was designed and installed by students. Students working on this project are fulfilling coursework necessary to achieve their landscape technician certification," explained Kris Saulsbury of the vocational landscaping program "Within several years we will be able to propagate from these young plants, which will provide added value to our program "

While the dining hall fills most of the 17,000-square-foot building, culinary arts instructional space and the Bistro, a popular weekly "practice" restaurant for students, occupy about one-fifth of the waterfront facility

"The new location makes our Bistro one of the few dining establishments in Astoria with an unfettered view of the Columbia," said Chef John Newman, head of Tongue Point's culinary program. "The students look forward to practicing their craft by serving more community groups in their restaurant "

Among the many people celebrating the new facility's grand opening, were former Tongue Point director Nancy Pyburn, Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen and City Manager Paul Benoit Tongue Point also received a certificate of appreciation from the city for efforts to feed officials and volunteers working in the aftermath of the December storm

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Everyday People:

Master of plaster, Tongue Point teacher continues long family tradition

By SANDRA SWAIN
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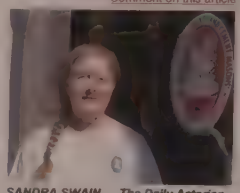
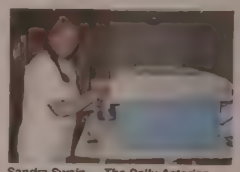


SANDRA SWAIN — The Daily Astorian
Laura Johnson teaches Tongue Point Job Corps students the art of plastering.

Laura Johnson is a teacher at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center, but she's not your ordinary "schoolmarm." Far from it. Johnson is a journeyman in the plasterers' union, and she's teaching the trade to her students

"I've always been interested in the history of plastering," Johnson says. And no wonder Both of her grandfathers, her uncles and her cousins are all "in plaster," she says. "I love it It's an art."



Sandra Swain — The Daily Astorian
Laura Johnson is proud of the way her TPJC plastering students have applied colorful stucco to cement planter boxes.

An art not generally practiced by women. Johnson, 54, is one of few female plasterers in Oregon. When she started her plastering career in 1979 in California, her male colleagues weren't particularly glad to see her.

"They could be verbally abusive. They would say things like, 'Go home and take care of your kids," Johnson remembers. "But after awhile they just got used to me."

In fact, Johnson had very little choice in the matter Her husband, also in plastering, died suddenly in 1980, leaving her with five young children to raise alone Her three sons and two daughters ranged in age from 3 to 8

She hired baby-sitters, got a little help from relatives, and enrolled the youngest ones in pre-school She had some survivor benefits from her husband But her trade was what kept the little family afloat during those years She says her husband had told her, "If you're going to go to work, make money " She was an apprentice when he died "Part of the reason I stayed with plastering was the money," Johnson says Her three sons all grew up to be journeymen plasterers, and one of her daughters plasters her own walls

Now she has 17 grandchildren. "I call them my 'midgets,'" Johnson says. "They're my blessing They're so precious "

How did she manage working so hard all day and coming home to a house full of children? "You just do what you do," she says "I was pretty energetic I'd probably be worn out now "

Doubtful Johnson left a job doing plaster on two 10-story buildings on the waterfront in Portland's Pearl District when her union got her the TPJC teaching assignment in October Her hard hat is covered with stickers from past plastering jobs, including several stints at Oregon Health Sciences University over the years, where "they're always building and remodeling " She got to ride on the new OHSU tram as part of the testing done before it opened to the general public

She says her Job Corps students are eager and hungry for knowledge Some are naturals at plastering "I see success in all of them," she says There are five girls in her class and 12 boys They learn veneer, smooth wall, sand finish, and stucco with a synthetic finish, popular because it contains acrylic and comes in different colors "They're fun It's so neat when they start making things They get more confident and believe in themselves," she says "That's part of the job "

Students can try out her plastering class for a couple of weeks while they decide whether to commit to it. "Usually when they come they have a good idea if they want to have a trade or be in an office," she says Some come to TPJC specifically to learn a trade, she says

They learn much more than that "It's not just a trade It's how to be respectful of others," she says "You're molding them Hopefully you give them a better life " A few will go on to be plasterers, she says Two have already gotten jobs Her students call her "Boss," she says, laughing

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Her plastering prowess has kept her in good shape It has also presented travel opportunities, including an invitation from the National Association of Women in Construction to attend a trades fair in Chile, where she learned to make rocks out of stucco, like the kind used at Disneyland And because her union brings in extra plasterers when needed, she's been on jobs in Wyoming, Montana and Lake Tahoe

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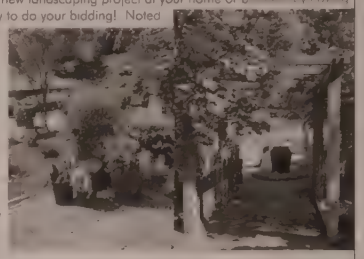

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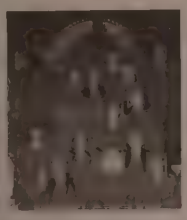

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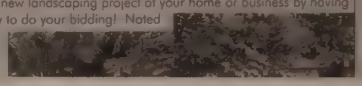

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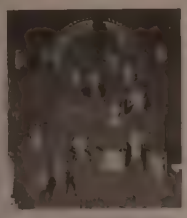

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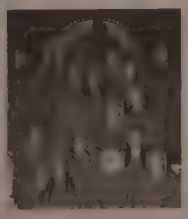

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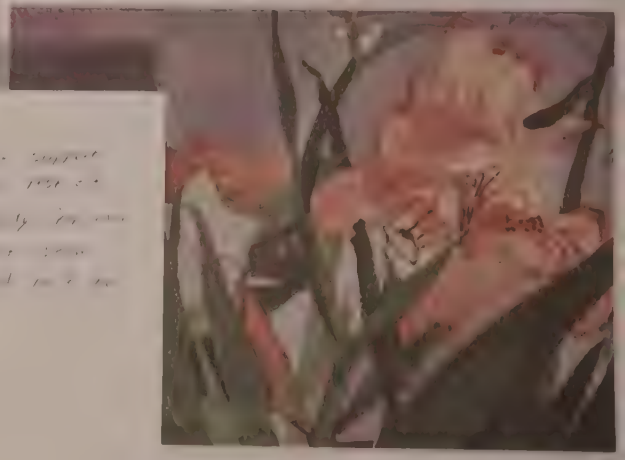

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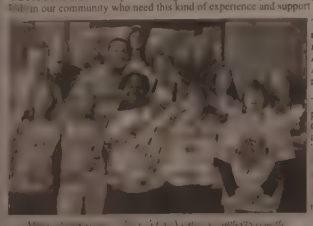

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The nomination for staff of the month describes Dick as: "…fun loving guy who can make anything fun…" and "…always in a good mood…", "constantly jokes with anyone who is near…". His recent contributions are mentioned "… started up Toastmasters and a cooking class…" and he is recognized as "..extremely dedicated to the students."

Born in San Diego, growing up in Pomona and living in Portland, **Debra Hamlin** always wanted to live on the Coast. So she sampled life on the beach in Netarts and on a houseboat in Tillamook then hit the winner when she moved to Astoria 16 years ago. With a degree in psychology, a teaching certificate with special education endorsement, and an interest in different cultures, Debra joined Tongue Point 6 years ago to teach English language learners. She typically has 30 to 40 students in her classes – the largest class load at Tongue Point. The key to success in their lives beyond Job Corps is dependent on their facility with the English language.

In the nomination Debra is described as "a living, working embodiment of the highest values of her profession.." and "deeply dedicated to each student". One achievement is noted: "Because of this teacher's commitment to excellence, Tongue Point has one of the best and most comprehensive ESL programs in Job Corps." Debra is complimented for "dogged commitment to the personal success and advancement of each student" and is named "an inspiration to her supervisor and colleagues."

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Columbia River Bar Pilots
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Congratulations Staff of the Month

Marty Lindholm, who grew up in Astoria, graduated from Tongue Point's dental assisting program in 1995. She returned to work as a dental assistant in the Health and Wellness center in 2000. Recently she changed careers by taking the position of secretary in the Health and Wellness center.

Her coworkers describe her as organized and positive with a fun personality. In nominating Marty for Staff Member of the Month, they wrote:

"Marty puts all of her energy into any task she takes on, and she is always willing to assist her coworkers when needed." "Marty has high standards for her own performance as well as for those around her. If she says she is going to do something, she does it to completion." "Marty has remade her new position to accomplish the tasks with greatest efficiency." "Marty takes on every task headfirst without complaint and has made everyone's job in her department easier by her willingness to do what is needed. She truly goes above and beyond."

"I feel fortunate that I was given a great opportunity with the training I received at Tongue Point Job Corps Center," said Marty. "I'm very pleased to be part of the staff team supporting our students in reaching their goals."

Tongue Point Job Corps Center is pleased to honor Marty Lindholm as a Staff Member of the Month. Congratulations Marty!

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AMERICAN RED CROSS of CLATSOP COUNTY

Led by volunteers, the American Red Cross provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.
The Red Cross is a charitable organization - not a government agency - and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its humanitarian mission. The local office of the American Red Cross is located at 1054 Exchange in Astoria. During the December '07 storm local volunteers donated more than 1,000 hours to serve more than 5,000 meals. Other accomplishments include providing emergency housing, food and clothing for 168 storm displaced residents and 17 persons displaced by single family dwelling fires. With its various community hosted blood drives Red Cross has collected 1,907 units of blood during the last 12 months. Approximately 200 people have donated time and about 500 people have donated blood. The Red Cross epitomizes people giving from the heart to help others.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center started hosting the Red Cross blood mobile in 1995. With 3-4 blood drives per year and about 20% of the students and staff donating blood, a total of 2,913 units of blood has been collected. According to Red Cross representative Karol Karlovic "TPJCC is our largest sponsor in the county. One visit to TPJCC is equivalent to 4 additional blood drives at other locations."
In addition the Tongue Point students have a contest annually when collecting for the Spare Change Drive. The last two years' contests have resulted in substantial donations and the Residential Living Supervisor of the dorm collecting the most money having to kiss a pig in front of the student body.

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SHARON ALBERS:

Sharon Albers

Sharon and her husband, Pat, relocated from Portland to Astoria fifteen years ago. Six years later she followed her husband in working at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, making them one of the many couples working at TPJCC and adding to the family environment. When not working, Sharon enjoys cooking , gardening and traveling in their 5th wheel.

As an instructor in Career Preparation, Sharon teaches employability and basic living skills. The nomination of Sharon to be Staff of the Month describes her as a person who "knows how to give a sincere and warm, lasting impression to both staff and students." "She introduces, models, and mentors career success standards through excellent teaching and coaching skills." In addition, "Her positive attitude creates an atmosphere that insures every experience for every student in the classroom is a learning experience. She provides a lot of encouragement and support to students who may be homesick or struggling to adjust to their new environment. She maintains an ever-changing schedule with flexibility and creativity. She is always willing to jump in and lend a helping hand to make the changes to better meet the needs of the students or the center."

LISA CLAPP:

Lisa Clapp

Lisa is a potter and gardener who has lived, on acreage with horses, in Jewell for the past 8 years. Born in Rochester, NY she moved to Oregon during high school and later attended both OSU and UO. After a stint in Colorado as a 4H agent, Lisa moved to Jewell and worked as a substitute math teacher. It was a field trip with her students to Tongue Point that introduced Lisa to Job Corps. She was captivated by the philosophy and results of the program. Now Lisa has worked at Tongue Point for one and one half years as the academic instructor for Tongue Point High School which is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. In the nomination submitted to name Lisa Staff of the Month, her accomplishments were described: "She took the lead in researching , nurturing, and implementing the installation of the new Integrated Targeted TABE Success Software program which is an on-line curriculum supporting the reading and math programs" and "she accepted the daunting task of restructuring Tongue Point High School to meet the needs of students at various levels of academic attainment, and to ensure that competence was , in fact, achieved for credit given." She was described as "...a model of professionalism and integrity"; "both a leader and a team player"; a person of "vision and tenacity". We can all be proud that a Tongue Point High School diploma truly reflects significant academic achievement and the highest standards of integrity.

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Rebecca Rubens

As with many natives of Clatsop County, Rebecca returned here to be closer to her family after having lived away for 15 years- which included residing in Europe and New York City. She now lives in Gearhart, owning a 48 acre tree farm and wholesale bamboo nursery with her husband. As an artist, Rebecca helped start both Astoria Visual Arts and the Seaside Art Walk as well as participated in the restoration of the Astoria Column and the Warren House. With a bachelor's degree in psychology and masters of fine arts, Rebecca has found that her artistic side enhances her work as a counselor.

Rebecca has been a part of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center team, off and on, for many years. In the nomination for Staff of the Month Rebecca is described as, "... a role model to staff and students...", and "...ideal, talented professional...". She is praised for, "...her dependability and her ability to creatively problem solve issues..." and for "...an outstanding job at providing wise and helpful direction to our students."

Kris Saulsbury

After graduating from Seaside High School Kris spent some time away from Clatsop County which included a stint in the US Marine Corps. After he returned, he obtained a degree from Clatsop Community College and went on to Oregon State in horticulture. For some years he managed the family business, Raintree Nursery, in Seaside. Two years ago Kris joined Tongue Point Job Corps Center as the instructor for its landscaping curriculum; his advice is often solicited by his professional colleagues for design and consulting. Kris lives in Astoria and has 2 children in Astoria High School.

To quote from the nomination for staff of the month: "...Integrity, creativity, and compassion describe this staff member...to simply say he cares about students is truly an understatement..." "...an expert in his field", "...he volunteers to teach forklift certification classes to students". Further: "This past year, his class designed and completed a fantastic water feature; they followed up with a beautiful garden surrounding the new dining hall. Both of these projects are an example of Kris's creativity, knowledge and professionalism." "Under his guidance, the quality of training in landscaping has reached a new level."

Kris was also selected as Tongue Point Job Corps Center's 2008 Employee of the Year.

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Commends
Healing Circle and VOCA Camps

For more than 20 years, Victory Over Child Abuse (VOCA) camps have been offered for survivors of sexual abuse who are children ages 5 through 18. At camp, survivors can begin to reestablish trust lost because of abuse as they build bonds with peers and adult volunteers that continue providing support once they've all gone home. The camps are free for families through the nonprofit organization Healing Circle, which runs on a shoestring budget with funding from United Way, community benefits and small grants. Margaret Frimoth, Lives in Transition Coordinator at Clatsop Community College, volunteers as the VOCA Director.

Frimoth said she's heard that as many as one in three children falls victim to abuse. About 40 youths attend VOCA's two annual camps - one for girls and one for boys -- which, per Frimoth, doesn't reflect the number of kids in our community who need this kind of experience and support.

Many of this year's TPJCC VOCA camp volunteers reunite

The camps, the first of their kind in the nation, have won several national awards, including the Governor's Volunteerism Award, Children First Award, Women of Achievement Award and an honorable mention in the U.S. Congressional Record.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center has partnered with Healing Circle in VOCA camps, since almost the beginning, to make a difference in the lives of local children. This past summer students and staff from TPJCC again joined community members – many former TPJCC staff - to volunteer at the camp. Many staff volunteer repeatedly because of the wonderful experience they have while they help children.

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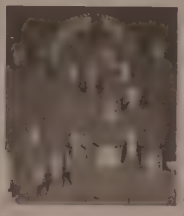

We congratulate the 66 students who completed their training at Tongue Point Job Corps Center during spring 2008.

Nineteen graduates walked the stage to collect their graduate certificates at the quarterly TPJCC graduation ceremony this summer. Pictured are **Salma Ahmed**, Kent WA - Finance & Business plus high school diploma; **Corina Caminscala,** Silverdale, WA - Home Health Aide & Dental Assistant plus high school diploma; **Stefany Chamberlin**, Molalla, OR - Finance & Business plus GED & high school diploma; **Dolores Cyrus**, Grants Pass - Finance & Business plus GED & high school diploma; **Ashley Fune,** Molalla - Landscaping plus GED & high school diploma; **Chanelle Holton**, Beaverton - Dental Assistant; **Christina Kenny**, Shelton, WA - WITH HONORS Certified Medical Assistant; **Areveyi Lantigua**, Seattle - Dental Assistant; Bryan McClendon, Hoquiam, WA - WITH HONORS Finance & Business plus GED & high school diploma; **Quynh Tien Nguyen**, Hillsboro - Finance & Business plus GED and will attend CCC; **Seana Nutter**, University Place, WA - Certified Nursing Assistant and will attend CCC, **Laura Otero**, Issaquah, WA - WITH HONORS: Dental Assistant plus GED, **Priscilla Pheland**, Bonney Lake, WA - Accounting plus high school diploma, **Jennifer Schneider**, Vancouver - Finance & Business plus GED, **Laura Shiprack**, St Helens - WITH HONORS: Facilities Maintenance; **Kristine Souchex**, Moses Lake, WA - Nursing Assistant and Finance & Business plus high school diploma, **Jasmine Stratton**, Myrtle Point, OR - WITH HONORS: Certified Medical Assistant; **Arlan Tobey**, Bellingham, WA - Dental Assistant; **Patricia Vancura**, Beaverton - Home Health Aide plus GED.

We wish you many future successes!

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Dan Cavaya

Dan Cavaya moved to Clatsop County from Portland in 1979 to work at the Cannon Beach Bakery. In 1984 he joined Tongue Point Job Corps Center as the baking instructor and taught students the fine art of baking for eighteen years. The only reason he left Tongue Point was that the baking program was closed; but, he couldn't stay away. After a 6 year hiatus, Dan returned to work in the food service department where his special area is...baking! Dan and his wife live in Astoria.

The nomination to name Dan a staff of the month cites "his 'Can Do Attitude' is contagious and motivates others to be their best" and mentions that he is a role model for students in practicing Tongue Point's career success standards. Working in food services, where more than 600,000 meals are served annually, Dan is in constant contact with all of Tongue Point's 500 students. His is commended as "a team player". It is noted that "his friendly demeanor makes him a hit with the student population."

Janice Blackler

With ten years' experience in the dry cleaning industry, Astoria native Janice Blackler joined Tongue Point in a part time position in the laundry as a way to get her foot in the door. Demonstrating her capability, she was soon promoted to assistant buyer in the Purchasing department. Living and raising her son in Warrenton, Janice has enjoyed several Clatsop county communities.

In the nomination for staff of the month Janice is noted for her "professional demeanor", and as "one of Tongue Point's best role models of being dressed for success". She is commended for her exemplary handling of the challenging work performed in the purchasing department and for taking on added responsibility during her coworker's six week leave of absence. Despite the challenges, she "kept the work flow moving nicely." Purchasing never skipped a beat serving Tongue Point's staff.

Penni Waters

Prior to joining Tongue Point's staff in 2004, Penni Waters had worked the gamut of jobs from bartender to hospital chaplain to suicide prevention and sexual abuse counselor. She explains that her fulfillment is in working with people in crisis and needing hope. Penni commutes from Seaside to be a resident advisor in one of the Tongue Point dorms. Her daughter is a preschool teacher in Cannon Beach.

Phrases describing her in the nomination for employee of the month include: "endless qualities that make her an excellent employee and role model"..."relentless drive to go above and beyond is contagious"..."her attention to detail is unparalleled"... "she emanates a positive demeanor that others can feel"...."caring and compassionate"..."enthusiasm to support students" "holds her student leaders to high standards:.. "known for dedication and commitment"

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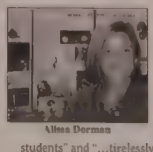
Alissa Dorman

Alissa Dorman grew up in Naselle and had the good fortune to return after attending college and working for several years in the Portland area. She began her career at Tongue Point Job Corps Center as a residential advisor. She went on to be a career development counselor, for the last 5 years she has been the tobacco use prevention counselor in the health and wellness department. Working part time, she also works at Columbia Memorial Hospital as their tobacco cessation coordinator. She is married; has a 7 year old son and feels lucky that most of her family lives within 20 minutes of her home.

The staff of the month nomination notes that Alissa "...has an excellent rapport with students" and "...tirelessly seeks to learn more so that she can educate and support students". Further praise includes "...she has strong principles and does not shy away from facing tough topics. She remains steadfast in her ideals." Alissa is described as "...well organized....always smiling...her laugh is infectious."

Marcia Perrine

Marcia Perrine and her husband, musician Barney Perrine, moved to Clatsop County from the Hoquiam area where they tended cranberry bogs and oyster beds in their spare time. Now living in Warrenton, Marcia was just as happy to leave those behind. They have 4 grown children. While Marcia has worked at Tongue Point just shy of 1 year, she is already highly regarded for her contributions as secretary for the far reaching Group Life department. Group Life includes everything outside of academics and training – dormitory life and activities, recreation, student government. In many ways, Marcia is the Group Mother.

That high regard is reflected in the nomination for staff of the month: "...From deciphering budget codes, to tracking students' community service and leadership, to arranging for a student to change clothes, she handles it all with aplomb! She has fun doing her job..... while also bringing professionalism.... She is warm and caring..... she always takes time for a kind word and a smile. She is invaluable to her department...."

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The mission of **United Way of Clatsop County** is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of Clatsop County Communities. It is estimated that 2 out of 3 people in Clatsop County benefit from a United Way funded service provide through one of these agencies: American Red Cross, Clatsop Service Center, Astoria Children's Museum, Boy Scouts of America, Fort Clatsop District, Camp Kiwanilong, Camp Options, Clatsop CASA Program, Clatsop Community Action, Clatsop County Healthy Start, Community In Schools of the North Coast, Hope House Lutheran Community Services NW, LifeWorks NW, Lives in Transition, Pioneer House, Restoration House, The Healing Circle (VOCA), The Lighthouse for Kids, and the Women's Resource Center.

In its efforts to contribute to the Clatsop County Community, Tongue Point Job Corps Center supports the activities of its three staff members who contribute their time as members of United Way's Board. TPJCC students have contributed, through community service, to 8 of the 17 agencies supported by United Way. In 2007, TPJCC staff donated almost $15,000 to United Way. Last week, the TPJCC Student Government Association presented Darlene Felkins, United Way Executive Director, with a check for the 2008 campaign.

United Way of Clatsop County has already reached 26% of this years goal of $285,000. Many employers provide a payroll deduction option to contribute to United Way. Other ways to contribute are by sending a check directly to United Way or by contributing online at www.clatsopunitedway.org. Online contributions can be made through pay-pal or a credit card. Every dollar, dime and cent collected stays in Clatsop County - helping our neighbors and friends. And, because a number of corporations and foundations have dedicated their contributions to cover overhead, every individual contribution goes directly for charitable purposes.

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Congratulates Staff of the Month

Jay Lambert has worked at Tongue Point since October 2001 as a Security Officer. In the nomination submitted for Staff of the Month, the following was cited about Jay: "...experienced professional who provides consistent attention to detail", "...Demonstrates complete reliability in maintaining Center standards in a very conscientious way", "...provides valuable assistance through his rapid, effective response", "...professional, knowledgeable performance of his duties", "We value his strong work ethic and his example as a positive role model to our students and staff members."

Fifteen years ago, **Scott Priese** chose to move to Clatsop County, having more than 20 years experience as an executive chef in Portland, San Francisco, and Alaska. After working at the Best Western in Seaside for some time, he joined his wife on the TPJCC staff in 2002 as a part time culinary instructor then quickly progressed to being a full time Residential Advisor. In his spare time, he volunteers as a chef for the Elks and Moose in Astoria.

Excerpts from the nomination for Staff of the Month: "... Always positive... quick to recognize the positive attributes in others...quick to compliment students and staff..."; "Many students have learned important lessons under his tutelage. His great sense of humor enables him to remedy situations..."; "...hard worker...'go-to' guy".

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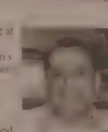
Patty McDowell was born and raised in Astoria. Patty says she had to move away for awhile to appreciate living here. Now she lives in Warrenton where her husband is self employed and her daughter attends Warrenton High School. One son attends OSU and another works at the Rio Café. Patty worked for 6 years at Clatsop Community College in the Lives in Transition program. Almost 3 years ago she joined TPJCC as its College Specialist and recently became a Counselor, putting to good use the Master's degree she just attained from OSU in Adult Education.

In being nominated as staff of the month, Patty was commended for her "flexibility... organization...willingness to share her vast experience and knowledge...expertise...continuous learning...team work...and patience." Her "help in maintaining the college program at the TPJCC has been invaluable."



Joel Guzman moved to Astoria to be near his sister - and then joined her in working at TPJCC where he's been for almost 6 years. After 15 years as a forklift driver, Joel became a cook. His specialties are cream soups and biscuits and gravy. Rotary and Lion's Club member also enjoy Joel's cooking at their meetings held at the Elks Club. Joel's wife works at Bornstein's and his daughter and son attend Astoria High.

In the nomination for staff of the month Joel was complimented: "...makes incredible soups, and his sausage gravy is over the top!!!" In addition he was commended: "...recently mentored ten students for the Mexican diversity luncheon celebration..." and "he works closely with the culinary students assigned to the dining hall...shows them the importance of our career success standards..." Further: "He is the department's 'go to' person at any time...rest assured that the meals are being prepared well."

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STAFF OF THE MONTH: NORMA VERLEY:
During her 8 years at Tongue Point Job Corps Center Norma Verley has seen and participated in many innovations. Her enthusiasm and dependability have helped other staff make changes and transitions. As a vocational counselor, she recently changed responsibilities, from counseling students in the healthcare vocations to counseling those concentrating in the finance and business area. At the same time she assisted a new team member in her responsibilities to take on a new caseload. In recognition, Norma was recently honored as the Tongue Point Job Corps Center staff member of the month. Thank you for all you do, Norma!

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SALUTES
KMUN - FM 91.9
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25th ANNIVERSARY

Since 1983, The Tillicum Foundation has brought community based radio programming to the North Coast through KMUN, FM 91.9 – COAST Community Radio.

Board members of the Tillicum Foundation Board are local residents elected by the 1100 members who reside in the listening area spanning Pacific City to Tokeland and east to Clatskanie.

More than 100,000 volunteer hours have been contributed throughout the last 25 years and have shaped COAST Community Radio into what has been verified as 'the most popular radio station on the North Coast' by media analysis firm Eastlan Resources.

Combining NPR programs and local volunteer produced broadcasts for coastal listeners is the mission that members from all walks of life have in common. One such award winning broadcast, ***"This is Jobs Corps"***, is now into its 4th year. Hosted by Terry Wilson and co-produced with Tamara Walker, ***"This is Jobs Corps"*** airs at 7PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month. During the hour broadcast, Job Corps students tell their own stories as well as report on the current happenings at Tongue Point Job Corps Center -spreading the news of its successful employability training program for youth.

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center Salutes

Chef John Newman- John is an award winning chef who honed his skills in Hawaii, Europe, and San Francisco. When John first settled in Cannon Beach he headed up the culinary staff at the acclaimed Stephanie Inn. During that time he was chosen by the famed James Beard Foundation to lead a team of Oregon Coast chefs in preparing a meal to celebrate the centennial of the birthday of James Beard's – one of the icons of American cooking and a native of our North Coast. John has since opened his own restaurant, **Newman's at 988**, in Cannon Beach. John is now celebrating his 1st year anniversary as the **head of the Tongue Point culinary school.** Most recently, John coached one of his students, Charity Sauerwein, towards her win of the 2008 Seafood Cook Off held in Portland at the 2008 Expo presented by the Northwest Food Processors Association. John states: "We're lucky to have a Job Corps in our area preparing so many motivated youth to be productive adults. I'm proud to be associated with Job Corps and I'm proud of the culinary professionals graduating from the Tongue Point program."

It is due to the invitation from **Chef Eric Jenkins** that John and the Tongue Point culinary class was included in the Food Processors Show. Eric is the acclaimed Executive Chef at the **Seafood School in Astoria's Seafood Consumer Center.** Tongue Point Job Corps Center appreciates the support Eric has shown to the culinary program and students. Eric is pictured with Tongue Point culinary student Aaron Austin who won the oyster eating contest which Eric organized at the Expo.

Thank you to Chef John Newman and Chef Eric Jenkins!

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Awards
The Astoria Senior Center
Celebrating Excellence
Community Partner of the Year - 2008

The Astoria Senior Center has served the community for more than 25 years. A variety of activities, including pool, exercise classes, line dancing and crafts are offered. In addition, shopping trips to Safeway and Fred Meyer are provided as well as occasional recreational excursions. While there are more than 400 members, anyone can drop in for a good cup of coffee and companionship which are, according to manager Paula Fisher, the best things at the Senior Center. Paula has managed the Center for 6 years and says she couldn't run it without all the wonderful volunteers.

One Saturday per month, students from Tongue Point volunteer at the Astoria Senior Center. They chat, play pool, do puzzles, and otherwise socialize with the seniors. The students provide youthful company and the seniors provide a grandparent type influence. In the nomination for Community Partner of the Year it was noted that "The Astoria Senior Center welcomes involvement with our students with open arms....The seniors always greet us warmly.." In addition, "They offered their building for our students to use while the recreation hall was being repaired after the December storm.... it was great to know they cared that much for our students and their well being."

Tongue Point Job Corps Center applauds the Astoria Senior Center for their contribution to the community.

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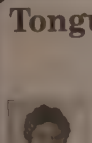

An Astoria native, **Greta Robinson** has lived outside of Astoria for only 8½ years of her life, during which she lived in Eugene. She started working at Tongue Point Job Corps Center eight years ago. Greta has two sons who attended Astoria High; last year Greta's husband joined the TPJCC staff – another family affair. Greta is known for the beautiful bouquets she gives – with flowers all grown in her garden. As the Records Clerk for travel, Greta arranges and records government paid travel for 500 plus students. This includes coordinating travel for summer and winter breaks, arranging travel for the weekly arrivals of new students, and handling departure arrangements for students.

Included in the nomination for Staff of the Month are the following comments: "Some of [illegible] that one would notice are her competence, commitment, and consistency. She maintains high expectations and standards. She handles a variety of tasks that sometimes change in order of priority with little to no advance notice. She goes above and beyond to problem solve every situation from various viewpoints." She places the students and their needs at the top of her daily "to do" and "can do" lists."

[illegible] **Mary Huber** moved from Denver to Astoria [illegible] "living out many places" in the Northwest. [illegible] worked at Tongue Point for 6 years in the 90's [illegible] in 2001, "...because I missed the students." [illegible] Business and Finance. [illegible] also an adjunct instructor at CCC teaching [illegible] as well as a teacher for Work Force Training [illegible] ement skills counselor Mary lives with her [illegible] and [illegible] Mary is described as [illegible] and "...someone we can count on to handle diverse kinds of [illegible] She has stepped in to other positions when needed and "...she organizes the center's student [illegible] " and "...trains staff in dealing with grief, as well as improving their grammar." She provides [illegible] students structure and guidance."

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MIKE FROMM

Mike has been a member of the International Association of Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons, which runs the cement masonry curriculum for Job Corps, for 32 years and has worked in Job Corps since 1989. He has been the cement masonry instructor at two other centers before transferring to Tongue Point five years ago for the moderate climate and good camping, fishing and clamming. While he'll share that his favorite clamming area is north of the Peter Iredale, he keeps his best fishing spot a secret. Mike and his wife live on center and are another one of Tongue Point's employee couples. He shared that he loves his job because it's so rewarding to see the lights go on when a young person 'gets it'. His students' successes keep him going.

MIKE FROMM

Mike was described as "solid as a rock" "dependable" and "consistent in performing any task" in the nomination for staff of the month. He "willingly offers assistance to other staff who are in need of his expertise" and "has established a foundation of solid training and concrete philosophy." In particular, during the December storm, Mike "was instrumental in leading the way and running an organized, efficient cleanup crew. Students responded to the positive, professional teaching style that he modeled for them." Finally, "Never one to take the easy route, Mike starts what he finishes."

CHUCK GUNN

CHUCK GUNN

As a child, Chuck lived on the Tongue Point Naval Base; his sister was born on base. Raised in Astoria, he returned home when he retired from the Army. Married 27 years, Chuck's wife works at Providence Seaside Hospital and his youngest daughter attends Astoria High School. In a true 'return home' Chuck has worked as a security officer at Tongue Point for 10 years. He currently works the night shift where interaction with the students provides the rewards of his work. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes.

Chuck's nomination describes him as "an experienced professional who provides consistent attention to detail in his position." He "demonstrates complete reliability in conscientiously maintaining Center standards, and provides valuable assistance to Center staff and students every time he is on shift." Officer Gunn is noted for "a welcoming smile every morning" and "rapid, effective response when intervening with students and staff who require assistance in a wide variety of situations." Chuck is valued for "his strong work ethic and his example as a positive role model to our students and staff members."

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Knappa School District looks at upgrading security

Superintendent says there may be some vandal arrests this week, Job Corps students contribute to cleanup

By SANDRA SWAIN
The Daily Astorian

In the wake of a vandalism spree last week that smashed all of the windows at Knappa High School, school district leaders are taking a hard look at how to prevent future damage to the school, as well as ways to keep students safe from possible harm. District Superintendent Rick Pass said the district is taking a proactive approach to security.

"Vandalism has always been around, but school shootings and kidnappings are a new phenomenon," Pass said today. "Our building was built in the 1950s. There are doors all over. We have to take an old building and retrofit it."

Monday night, the school board held a two-hour work session that focused on making the high school and Hilda Lahti Elementary School safer. Board members did a walk-through of the buildings and grounds and heard from representatives from two security companies who explained various options available, including surveillance cameras and locking mechanisms. Pass said school officials are also working with business managers in the region to get ideas and getting suggestions from students and staff, including several students from the high school's government class who attended the work session. He said the high school's principal, Debi Brazelton, plans to involve class officers in the discussion.

Pass said security options range from around $5,000 for installing a few cameras to $60,000 to $70,000 for a more comprehensive security system. He said it's important to purchase security equipment that integrates with the school's new computer system and that can be added onto over time as needed and when the district can afford it.

Meanwhile, Pass said students and staff from the Tongue Point Job Corps Center have been helping repair the damage caused by the vandals. He said eight students learning to be glaziers, and their teacher, spent eight hours Thursday helping workers from DK Windows prepare, clean, tape and install 100 new windows. He said DK had thought the project would take three or four days, but it was finished in just one day, thanks to the Job Corps students.

The Job Corps' paint crew has been working on painting one whole side of the high school building that had been defaced by graffiti, Pass said. They are coming back for a third time today to finish painting the school's fine arts wing, which is made of brick. "It works great for us. We bought the paint and they contributed their labor and expertise," Pass said.

As for the vandals who caused all this trouble and expense, Pass said he anticipates some arrests will be made this week.

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Seedlings could sprout new generation

Job Corps students' green thumb may help attract Silverspot butterfly

By NANCY MCCARTHY
The Daily Astorian

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ALEX PAJUNAS / The Daily Astorian
Crysanna Patten, 20, digs a hole for a plug of pearly everlasting at the North Coast Land Conservancy's new demonstration garden next to the Coastal Natural History Center in Seaside. More than 2,500 native coastal plants were placed Tuesday.

ALEX PAJUNAS / The Daily Astorian
John Cader, 18, loosens the roots of early blue violets before they are to be planted in the ground by William Key, 22, background, and other landscape program students from Tongue Point Job Corps.

SEASIDE - As she scooped up the earth at Neawanna Point to make a bed for a golden yarrow plant, Crysanna Patten, 20, a landscape student at Tongue Point Job Corps Center talked about what she wanted to do after she leaves Tongue Point.

"I'm going to work toward owning my own nursery," said Patten, 20. She carefully patted down the soil around the golden yarrow and prepared to plant another seedling alongside it.

Patten and 17 other Tongue Point landscaping students participated Tuesday in planting 2,500 native seedlings in an area of the estuary at the confluence of Neacoxie and Neawanna creeks for the North Coast Nature Conservancy. The conservancy hopes to reintroduce native plants along the coast to attract the Oregon Silverspot butterfly, which has been gone from the area for several years.

Although the plot is only 1,600 square feet, Brista Orwick, a land steward serving an AmeriCorps internship for the conservancy, said the plants are just the beginning of a new landscape.

Besides showing people who walk the path bordering the estuary the native flowers and grasses that used to grow there before invasive species, such as scotch broom, took over, the plants also will provide the seeds for other parts of Clatsop Plains, Orwick said.

The North Coast Land Conservancy recently purchased 107 acres on Clatsop Plains west of U.S. Highway 101 in Gearhart. The land conservancy, along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nature Conservancy, plans eventually to create butterfly habitats for 500 acres on the North Coast.

"We could collect seeds and transplant them to properties up and down the Clatsop Plains in the 13-mile stretch from Warrenton to Seaside," said Orwick.

Early blue violet, dune sedge, red fescue, pearly everlasting, yarrow, coast goldenrod and Canada goldenrod, pacific aster and coastal wormwood - all make an attractive habitat to nurture the caterpillars that eventually transform into Oregon silverspot butterflies, Orwick said. The habitat also lures a lot of birds, including Wilson's warbler and the orange-crown warbler, she added.

Just as the the native plants are expected to take root in areas where scotch broom once grew, the Tongue Point students are planting their own roots in landscaping careers.

Kris Saulsbury, vocational landscaping instructor at Tongue Point Job Corps Center gave advice and oversaw the planting Tuesday. The students will do the same thing at Rilea Armed Forces Training Center Thursday. "This is an easy day for them," he said.

They didn't come with a landscaping plan for the small plot of ground they worked in. Instead, they asked how the seeds would naturally land if the wind blew them about.

"We sort of tossed up the seeds and asked how it would go," said Saulsbury. "We came with our arms and legs, ready to go."

Her students range in experience from first-week beginners to one-year veterans. When they emerge from the 15-month program, many will have received their landscape contractor's license and will be on their way to owning their own businesses.

"They run all kinds of equipment and learn everything about landscaping," Saulsbury said.

But even those who don't go into landscaping professionally will take away a work ethic that has been carefully cultivated at the job corps center. "That is 90 percent of what we do," Saulsbury added.

When Andre Terwilleger, 19, of Vancouver, Wash., completes the program, he wants to work in maintenance or construction in the landscape industry. He said he liked being at the estuary instead of being inside a classroom.

"It's good to get outside," he said.

John Cader, 18, of Brookings, is one of those students who hopes to pass the test for a contractor's license as well as a nurseryman's license.

"I want to know 400 to 500 plants, he said. "That's a lot of plants."

He said Saulsbury inspired him to reach for his goal.

"If it wasn't for Kris, I wouldn't be here," Cader said.

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Tongue Point hires new director of finance and administration

Susan Brooks recently joined the staff of Tongue Point Job Corps Center as the director of finance and administration. She will have responsibility over accounting, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, property, maintenance, food services and facilities.

Susan Brooks

Brooks is a certified public accountant and has been the assistant finance director for the city of Astoria, the fiscal manager for Columbia Memorial Hospital and, most recently, the fiscal manager for Management & Training Corporation Works.

Some of the organizations she has done volunteer work for include the Astoria Community Childcare Center, Cal Ripkin baseball and Columbia Memorial Hospice Foundation.

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Children's Museum debuts hands-on health exhibit

By KATHLEEN STRECKER
Coast Weekend editor

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"Playing doctor" is perfectly OK at the Astoria Children's Museum. In fact, it's encouraged.

A new exhibit opening this weekend lets children learn about health and wellness while playing their hearts out. "Our Amazing Bodies" features all the really cool stuff kids want to know about how they work, and gives parents a chance to open up discussions and answer questions.

A $2,000 grant from the Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families got the ball rolling in November 2007. The museum's board of directors got to work gathering donations of materials and equipment. The recruited local artists and volunteers to build and paint the pieces of a kid-sized medical office with a hearing station, a vision station, giant mouth and skeleton puzzles and lots more. Lab coats, scrubs, surgical masks and gloves donated by Medline Industries Inc. turn kids into receptionists, doctors, dentists, nurses or X-ray technicians.

Project Coordinator Mindy Stokes was hired in March and has been working on organizing the exhibit's grand opening, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7.

"I love bringing science to people who sometimes don't have an interest in it in the first place," Stokes said. "My hope is that children and their parents interact in this exhibit together, fostering a better learning experience for both."

The challenging job of an educator, said Stokes, is to convey information in a package that is accessible, fun and engaging so the learner walks away from the experience wanting more.

Another hope I have is that parents and children will make healthier choices in the future because of information offered at the museum, Stokes said.

Saturday's grand opening will feature free admission to the museum as well as guest speakers throughout the day. Matt Stanley of the Astoria Co-op will talk about the importance of healthy eating. Ann Goldeen of Astoria Chiropractic will discuss healthy spines. Margaret Frimoth of Clatsop Community College will share with kids and parents what to do in case of inappropriate touching. Carla Rienhardt of Coastal Family Health Center will talk about vaccinations and Jim Horne of Liteworks NW will share information on drug and alcohol abuse. For information on times of specific topics, call the museum at (503) 325-8669.

The topics are timely, Stokes said. "Obesity is linked to multiple diseases in our country and Clatsop County's statistics on young peoples' drinking habits is not encouraging," she noted.

Families who buy a museum membership during the grand opening will receive a 15 percent discount. Regular memberships are $55 annually and include moms, dads, kids, grandparents and caregivers.

The Astoria Children's Museum is located at 2968 Marine Drive, in the Uppertown Firefighters Museum.

A visit to the human body exhibit at the Astoria Children's Museum is not like pulling teeth, although, from left, Alivia Rickenbach, 4, Michael Goodwin, 18 months, Aaron Rickenbach, 5, and Signe Rickenbach, 1, find the extraction of molars and incisors to be quite entertaining.

Dressed in a medical coat inside a scaled-down doctor's office at the Astoria Children's Museum, Alivia Rickenbach, 4, and her siblings Aaron, right, 5, and Signe, left, 1, observe a mold of human teeth along with Michael Goodwin, second from left, 18 months.

Katie Rathmell, Michael Wilkin and Matthew Kalicz of Oregon Health Sciences University built the vision and hearing stations.

Chris LaPointe, a home designer, helped with the vision station.

Renee Fruiht of John Jacob Astor Elementary School donated various items, including animal skulls and bones.

Charles Holboke and Terry Ann Halloran of Godfather's Books donated an anatomy book.

Jamie Boyd and Cordie Riddle of Astoria Visual Arts Gallery built the mouth.

Who helped?

Jared Rickenbach built the check-in desk.

Carl and Jan Mead of Mead's Interiors donated foam.

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Rudy Rudolph made signs.

Tiffany Major painted the check-in desk.

Michelle Edmondson and students of Tongue Point Job Corps Center cleaned and helped assemble various pieces.

Lloyd Austin worked on the check-in desk.

Wade and Laura Hunsaker donated an anatomy book.

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Burning tongue is the point

Tita Montero wrote in about the Tongue Point Job Corps students and staff who formed three teams to enter the Oregon State Chili Cook-off, held in St. Helens July 20, sponsored by the Chili Appreciation Society International.

Of the total 17 teams entered, TPJC's teams Chili Pack placed 10th and Tantalizing Taste Buds placed ninth, both in CASI Chili.

But the TPJC team that really raked in the prizes and honors was the Smokin' Eagles. They placed fourth in CASI chili, third in People's Choice - Homestyle Chili, and first in Cooks' Choice Judging CASI. That's where "all the cooks judge each other's chili blindfolded," Montero said. Better yet, they qualified to be one of the teams representing Oregon in the National Chili Cook-off held annually in Terlingua, Texas.

The Smokin' Eagles team includes students Jake Anderson, who is training in culinary arts, and John Wardelle, training to be an electrician, and staff member Tom Rowe. Montero said, "The team has been cooking together and refining their chili for only three months!"

Pictured above from left, Aaron Austin, culinary student, Mark Kenny, staff, Anastacia Harlan, business student, Pam Brown, staff, Tom Rowe, Jake Anderson, John Wardelle, Justin Thielmann, plastering student, and Nick Walker, culinary student.

Left: Wally Lewis, of Clackamas, relaxes as the Chamber of Commerce building is slowly lowered onto its new foundation using four hydraulic jacks.

Bottom: Josh Zumwalt, a foreman with Emmert Construction from Vancouver, Wash., operates the unified jacking system holding the Green Building off the ground. The system can run up to 13 jacks and raises and lowers a building at the exact same rate to keep it level.

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The Daily Astorian

Green Building will help Chamber expand

Gift from Bergerson Construction is being renovated by volunteers

By SANDRA SWAIN
The Daily Astorian

ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian

Days away from demolition, the old Bergerson Construction office, known as the Green Building, was moved last year from the Port of Astoria to a site next door to the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, where it will be used as new office space for the Chamber.

On a recent summer day, the parking lot of the Astoria Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce was nearly full. Inside, more than a dozen visitors crowded into the lobby, looking for information about local attractions, picking up brochures and asking for directions.

The Chamber's small building at 111 W. Marine Drive is bursting at the seams, a victim of its own success.

Chamber staff and volunteers definitely need more room.

Now, thanks to a generous donation by Bergerson Construction, the Chamber will be able to expand. The company has given the Chamber leaders its old office building to convert to their own use. Known as the Green Building, it was carefully moved along West Marine Drive early one Sunday morning last August from its longtime home at the Port of Astoria to a site next to the existing Chamber office. The city of Astoria picked up the $28,000 tab for the move, using Urban Renewal District funds.

"They gave us the furniture and everything," said Skip Hauke, the Chamber's executive director. "They (Bergerson) are the most generous company." There are file cabinets, desks, computer shelves and bookcases still inside. The building's five rooms include a break room with a long tile counter and backsplash, and two bathrooms. Not a single tile was broken or cracked during the move from Port property.

"I think it's a great deal. It will give us more room," said Loran Mathews, president of the Chamber's board of directors. "We had a committee looking at how to expand. We just simply outgrew (the existing) building."

Some history

The current Chamber building was built in the mid to late '80s. Before that, the Chamber office had been located on the old Pier One at the Port of Astoria and in the building at 14th and Commercial streets which houses the old Commodore Hotel, now being renovated.

Expanding into the Green Building will give the Chamber some breathing space. It will also give the Green Building a new lease on life. "It was days away from demolition," Hauke said.

The plan is to move Hauke and Sheila Johnson, the Chamber's bookkeeper, into the Green Building. "We'll have two offices and a large reception area," Hauke said. Then move to the Green Building will free up their offices for other employees, who now are working in what is supposed to be the board room. "In summer, the front lobby is jammed. We'll expand the visitors service into the board room," Hauke said.

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One corner of the Green Building was missing when it arrived at the Chamber. The corner had been filled by a concrete vault that Bergerson Construction used as an office.

To keep the steel vault door open they had a hammer jammed into it, Hauke said. Bergerson paid to break the building away from the vault because it was too heavy to move, Hauke said the Chamber has plans for that empty corner.

"We plan to reconstruct the corner and make it into a board room," Hauke said.

Mathews said the Chamber's 15-member board of directors and five-member advisory board currently has to meet elsewhere.

With the Green Building acquisition, a new and larger board room will be created to accommodate the Chamber's meetings as well as outside groups such as the Red Cross and Little League, Mathews said.

Hauke said removing an inside wall will make space for the board room to be 30 to 40 feet long. He said local contractor Jason Palmberg has offered to frame the new space.

That's the kind of generosity that makes the building conversion project possible.

"Virtually everything that's been done here has been donated by the community. Most people came to me. I didn't go out and ask," Hauke said.

However, because the Chamber is working with people donating their time and materials, there's no estimated date to accomplish all of the changes.

"We work on *their* schedule," Hauke said, and he's definitely not complaining.

Mathews agrees. "I'm overwhelmed by people willing to come forward to donate time and money."

"It takes a little longer when you're using volunteers, but it's well worth it."

On the move again

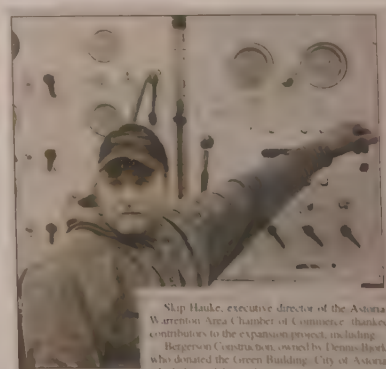
The move to the Chamber parking lot was the second one for the Green Building. Built sometime between 1917 and 1920, it was the original office for the Port of Astoria. In 1989, the Port sold it to Bergerson Construction, which moved it to 55 Portway St. and used it as its office.

A year ago, Bergerson decided to build a new office building at the same site.

The Green Building was advertised as available "as is where is" free to someone able to move the building to a new location.

"This is a beautiful and meticulously maintained historic building," the ad read. "A real cream puff."

Top: Mark Duggan, a foreman with Emmert Construction from Portland, prepares to remove another wooden beam that surrounds a hydraulic lift as the building is lowered onto its foundations a couple feet at a time May 13.



Skip Hauke, executive director of the Astoria Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked contributors to the expansion project, including:

Bergerson Construction, owned by Dennis Baack, who donated the Green Building; City of Astoria, which donated the funding to move the Green Building; Bill Marczewski, president of BSM Consulting Engineers, who furnished engineered drawings of the foundation needed for the Green Building; Jim Wilkins, president of Wilkins Construction, who donated construction of the foundation; Bryan Ogan, owner of Astoria Plumbing, who donated all of the plumbing; Paul Radu and Dale Johnson, owners of P&J Mechanical, who will donate and install a new heating and air conditioning system; Cary Johnson, president of C.T. Johnson Inc., a building contractor who donated time and materials to replace some dry rot and also built "pony walls" inside the foundation; Tongue Point Job Corps students, who will donate plastering, painting and landscaping skills as they are needed; and Jason Palmberg, owner of Palmberg Development Co., who donated some dry-rot repair work, was instrumental in preparing the building to be lowered onto the foundation and has offered to frame in the missing corner of the building.

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TLC Federal Credit Union helps sponsor 'Iron Chef Goes Coastal' event at the Loft

Submitted photo
From left, Jean Matheson, United Way of Clatsop County board member, Julie Stallswort and TLC Federal Credit Union Seaside manager, Mardi Cokley, TLC Federal Credit Union Riehl, UWCC board member and Dick Easton, UWCC board member.

TLC Federal Credit Union presented the United Way of Clatsop County with a $5,000 check to sponsor the upcoming event "Iron Chef Goes Coastal" Sept. 18 at the Loft in the Red Building in Astoria when UWCC launches its fall campaign All proceeds from ticket sales will go toward the fundraising goal of $275,000

The event will feature four local chefs who will randomly draw the name of one of the participating chefs to partner with The two teams will then prepare a gourmet meal on site, while being observed by the audience and filmed by PDXposed for television

The four chefs are Christopher Holen of Baked Alaska in Astoria, John Newman of Newmans at 988 in Cannon Beach, Michael Lalewicz of Depot Restaurant in Seaview, Wash., and Red Pelletier of Bridgewater Bistro in Astoria

The two teams will design a meal consisting of an appetizer, a soup or salad and a main entrée. The items for the meal will include a surprise ingredient for inclusion in all dishes to add to the challenge

A three judge panel consisting of state Sen Betsy Johnson, The Daily Astorian's food critic Lori McKean and Tongue Point Job Corps Director Kim Schillinger will decide which team wins after enjoying the gourmet meals. The remaining meals will be auctioned to the audience.

Prior to the main event of the evening, ticket holders will enjoy appetizers prepared and donated by six North Coast restaurants. They will vote on which restaurant's fare the majority prefer, and that restaurant's chef will qualify as a competitor in next year's event.

Advance tickets at $25 per person will be offered first to UWCC's Pacific Sunset Leadership Giving Circle. The balance of the tickets will go on sale Aug. 26 and are $25 per person if purchased in advance and $30 at the door if any remain. Tickets may be purchased by calling the UWCC office at (503) 325-1961 or at TLC Federal Credit Union in Astoria or Seaside

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Captain Pat Albers
Tongue Point Job Corps Center
37573 Old Highway 30
Astoria, OR 97103

Dear Captain Albers,

Wednesday, 6 August marked the third training mission in which you and your crew have supported the Coast Guard in Vertical Insertion Operations. As you know, this is intense training which requires significant planning and coordination, and the appropriate platforms in order to be successfully and safely accomplished. The motor vessel IUKA is a textbook example of an ideal training platform – her characteristics and crew help to minimize risk to exercise participants and provide a dependable asset for our law enforcement team and helicopter crews. Without your support, we could not have qualified our personnel; our law enforcement training program would be weeks behind schedule, and many of our personnel would remain unqualified. Your extremely willing and cooperative approach to this training is greatly appreciated! The crew at Job Corps have surpassed all expectations and are considered by our Air Operations and training staff to be a real pleasure to work with ...and a very valuable partner.

I am grateful that we've been able to establish this very valuable working relationship. My staff and I thank you for you service and look forward to future evolutions.

Sincerely,

Peter Troedsson
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

MAKING WAVES

Tongue Point Job Corps instructor Jarom Bowles receives awards

Jarom Bowles

Tongue Point Job Corps Center Facilities and Maintenance Instructor, **Jarom Bowles**, was recently awarded the Home Builders Institute's (HBI) "Extra Mile Award" for 2008 for Region VI, encompassing 16 Job Corps campuses in Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California.

The awards are presented annually by HBI to one outstanding instructor in each of the six Job Corps regions around the country.

According to a press release, Extra Mile Award winners foster strong working relationships with students, instructors, center staff, local industry and the community.

Additionally, winners make the most of resources at their disposal, are creative and innovative in their approach to teaching and training, strive for positive results and work with local employers to establish challenging and rewarding Work-Based Learning experiences for their students.

Winners also involve their students in community service activities, center events and work with local home builders associations to participate in student training and placement.

HBI, the workforce development arm of the 235,000 member National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), helps more than 2,000 Job Corps students enter careers in the home building industry each year.

HBI promotes the home building industry as a career and helps address its workforce needs through trades training and job placement programs, partnerships between the residential construction industry and education, and assistance to home builders' associations in their workforce development efforts.

Earlier this spring, Bowles was recognized as an "Asset Builder" by the Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families after being nominated by one of his students. The Asset Builder award recognizes adults who have made a positive difference in the life of the youth making the nomination.

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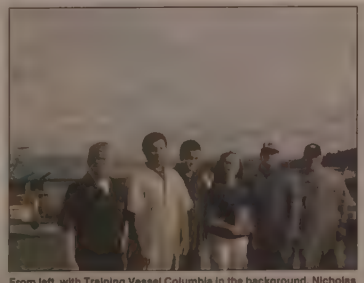


From left, with Training Vessel Columbia in the background, Nicholas Hoffman, Mark Aprods, Kaiola Yuen, Queen Sarah Pope, Dain Schmidt and Szabi Vas.

Tongue Point students earn the queen's crown

From THEA MONTERO at TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER TPJCC's seamanship class entered the TRAINING VESSEL COLUMBIA in the REGATTA TWILIGHT BOAT PARADE. During the parade, the students launched the daughter boat and performed maneuvers, which was probably why the members of the Regatta Court voted Tongue Point's entry as their favorite to win the QUEEN'S AWARD.

Originally the Columbia pilot boat, the trainer vessel was donated to TPJCC by the Columbia River Bar Pilots when they obtained their new pilot boat in 2007.

Regatta Queen SARAH POPE, accompanied by her chaperones, CAROL and LARRY OLSON, recently presented the award plaque at TPJCC to the students who created

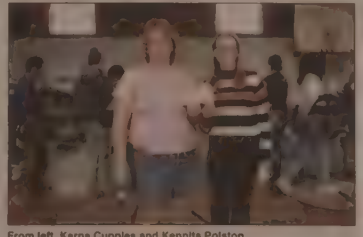
The vessel is operated by CAPT. PATRICK ALBERS, head of Tongue Point's seamanship program, with Mr. GUNNAR ALLEN also a seamanship instructor. Students DAIN SCHMIDT and SZABI VAS worked as engineers with students MARK APRODA, KAIOLA YUEN, NICHOLAS HOFFMAN, ALAN JORGENSEN, PAUL GAITEGOS and NATHAN GUEVARA as deckhands.

Job Corps helps

KNAPPA — Knappa High School has new windows and a fresh coat of paint after a day of diligent work by students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

On Monday, vandals shattered every single window in the high school building and spray-painted graffiti messages on the walls, including a bomb threat. Close to 100 double-pane windows were hit from outside, probably by people wielding axes or baseball bats.

On Thursday, the Job Corps provided nine glazers to repair the school's broken windows under the supervision of DK Window Works of Warrenton. "They put every window back in the high school," said Superintendent Rick Pass. "Our classrooms are actually warm today. They were a little cool last couple days." An eight-member Job Corps crew painted over the graffiti. "It was a huge help," said Pass. "It's nice to have a resource like that available." The work started at 9



From left, Karna Cupples and Kennita Polston.

Preparation is the key to success

The word from the Tongue Point Job Corps Center is that it's an annual ritual for TPJC instructor MARY HUBER to take her finance and business class to help stuff the backpacks for the COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS MENTORING AND BACKPACK PROGRAM.

Recently, 17 students and Huber assisted in the project to prepare more than 1,000 supply-filled bags for Clatsop County kindergartners through third-graders. Students agreed that this event is one of their favorite community service projects.

Hearing that the nonprofit program was facing financial difficulty this year, the TONGUE POINT STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION sponsored a loose change drive and matched the amount collected from students. SGA President KENNITA POLSTON presented a check for $227.66 to Executive Director KARNA CUPPLES during the volunteer event. What a clever (and effective) fund-raising idea!

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They take it to the limit and beyond

Youths who accentuate the positive in life, community recognized by county

By TAMARA HARDIN
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Submitted photo
A dozen youths were honored at the Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families' 2008 Youth Recognition Awards Pictured from left are award winners Jesse Rogers, Josh Conklin, Hannah Baldwin, Alexandra "Alli" Calder, Joel Licari, Mollee Bighill, Donald Tuschoff, Corin Rose, Matthew Morrow, Travis Hays and Laura Shiprack. One honored youth, Darby Rochette, is not pictured.

When Astoria High School students graduate Saturday afternoon, Hannah Baldwin will walk to the podium to receive her diploma

But for a while this year, it wasn't clear the 18-year-old would be able to do so without a walker, much less stand on her feet at all

Baldwin suffered a stroke over the winter and was in a coma for four days

"She went from dancing at her Senior Winter Ball to being in (Legacy Emanuel Hospital) in Portland, literally overnight," said school counselor Rachel Chastain. "Hannah had to learn how to perform basic functions. She had to re-learn how to walk, how to write, how to speak."

She will graduate with her class "because of her amazing ability to overcome a situation that most of us would see as impossible."

Baldwin was among 12 youths and eight adults honored at the 21st annual Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families Youth Recognition Awards Banquet May 15. The awards recognize young people's contributions to their community and schools as well as youths who have overcome challenges and made positive life changes they'll carry into the future

In Baldwin's case, when she returned to school with a walker, teachers rushed to support her - evidence of strong relationships she had built even as a recent transfer student from Seaside, Chastain said

"She was so concerned about her homework, her ability to graduate that she pushed the limits of her recovery and was able to overcome those barriers," the school counselor wrote in a nominating letter. "She has taught those around her about diligence and hope About perseverance and overcoming those unforeseen things that change who (we) are in a flash "

This year's awards banquet was held at the Holiday Inn Express in Astoria, with entertainment provided by Warrenton's junior high jazz band and catering by the Silver Salmon Grille. Commission on Children and Families Chairwoman Judy Bigby led the event

Others honored from Astoria included 18-year-old Josh Conklin, who plans to continue his service on the Reduce Underage Drinking Taskforce and contribute to plans for a community recreation center in Astoria while attending Clatsop Community College, Travis Hays, another AHS senior, who overcame early adversity after moving to the area from Arizona, climbing to the varsity level in golf and using his woodworking talents to construct a new gazebo in the school's courtyard, and Matthew Morrow, who at just 14 years old has already overcome extreme physical challenges to use a cane rather than a walker or wheelchair, and who plans to continue his independence

From Seaside, youths recognized included Broadway Middle School student Alexandra Calder, 13, who has logged more than 400 hours as a volunteer for Seaside youth programs since November 2006; Joel Licari, 13, who has volunteered more than 100 hours as a junior councilor in afterschool and summer camp programs and who served on committees that led to the creation of the local skate park, the most-used park in Seaside, and Jesse Rogers, a Seaside High School student who despite trouble at home and for awhile at school has been successfully working his way through the county's drug court program, and who is now described as "an extremely likable young man who has demonstrated a caring and respectful attitude towards others," who has "a mature attitude and is a hard worker "

From Warrenton, 15-year-old Mollee Bighill was honored for setting high standards for herself and others, offering energy and enthusiasm in class as well as a maturity level that sets her apart from peers

And from Tongue Point Job Corps Center, those honored included Darby Rochette, 20, the first woman to complete the advanced Computer Service Technician training at Tongue Point, where she also finished the landscaping program before enrolling at Clatsop Community College, Corin Rose, who is working on advanced training in facilities maintenance and recently earned her high school diploma despite some initial concerns over whether she wanted to be in the program, Laura Shiprack, who thanks to natural abilities quickly advanced in the facilities maintenance vocation to a work-based learning assignment at Camp Rilea, and Donald Tuschoff, who has become a student leader in Tongue Point's welding program, acting as shop foreman as he prepares for a "top-of-the-line" job, possibly working in underwater welding as well

With the "Take the Time Be the Difference" Coalition, the commission also recognized seven adults as "asset builders" nominated by local youths. foster parent Pearl Biddle, Tongue Point Job Corps instructor Jarom Bowles, county employee Heidi Howard, Knappa High teachers Joe Osorio and Laurel Smalley, and Brandy Rieske and Laura Roth of Astoria High School In addition, the commission honored Seaside resident Donna Sunnel, who volunteers for a number of programs that provide activities for young people

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Generosity is in the box

Tamara L Walker, student activities coordinator at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center, wrote in with this feel-good story "Several months ago, TPJC carpentry instructor, Teresa Downey, received a request from her brother, U.S. Army Sergeant Travis Chapman, who is stationed just outside Baghdad His commanding officer wanted to provide a library/game room for the troops. A former carpentry student, Jamison Shamara, heard Teresa talking about the request and submitted a proposal to the Student Government Association Executive Council "

On June 4, Downey shipped 12 boxes to her brother's commanding officer 492 pounds of books, magazines and games.

"We appreciate the generosity and community spirit of our staff and students," Walker said "We also appreciate United States Postal Service employees Julie Carriere and Donna GARDNER for their assistance "

Pictured, in the back row, from left, SGA executive council officers Eric Orr, Erik Grove, Daniel Humphries, Bridget Smith and carpentry students Set Aung and Brittanie Castor In the front row, from left, SGA executive council officers Michael Baker, Estefania Lucero, Sebastian Karol-Chik, carpentry instructor Teresa Downey and Cindy Ruiz-Quiroz Kudos to everyone involved!

Job Corps

Ship Shape in Oregon Thanks to Job Corps

On March 31, 2008, IUPAT pre-apprenticeship students out of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Oregon showed the U.S. Coast Guard that they have the right stuff when it comes to the upkeep of its vessels.

IUPAT Job Corps students Chase Bartleme, Greg Garcia, Daniel Ray, Ebony Narvaez, Dane Louthan, David Baker, Aaron Black, Sam Domes, Josh Malcom, Markus Grant, Joseph Coulson, Adam Ballard and Jonathan McDonald were tasked with doing a change out of a heated window in the lower crane house of a buoy tender (pictured here), the flagship of the 13th Fleet in the Pacific Northwest region of operations for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Using an electric actuated four cup suction machine that is capable of lifting 700 pounds (the machine was loaned to the students and Coast Guard by Culver Glass of Portland, Oregon), the job was completed in less than six hours. A remarkable accomplishment considering that the same task normally takes seasoned Coast Guardsmen two days to complete, according to the Coast Guard. The team of students worked together and proved that the training they receive from their instructor, Lee Norville of IUPAT District Council 5/Local Union 740 in Portland, is one of the best programs in the industry.

"The team of students did a fantastic job, one they should be proud of," said LCDR Andy Raiha, skipper of the buoy tender.

Tongue Point landscape students grow gardens and careers

Story and photos by JULIA MABRY
Coast Weekend

Getting a good education doesn't always mean college. But for the landscape technician students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, it means opportunity just the same.

"I'm hooked on the program, because I really like these guys," said instructor Kris Saulsbury about his students. For two years, he's been teaching youth between the ages of 16 and 24 the fine art of taking care of gardens. They come from Washington, Oregon and Idaho and for most, traditional education didn't work. This is their chance at a successful career.

"They want to try to get somewhere in life and just haven't had the opportunity," said Saulsbury. It's his job to teach them the trade and sometimes to motivate them.

"I push them pretty hard," he said. When the weather is good, his 15 to 20 students have to work fast to maintain the grounds at Tongue Point. "My students take care of the whole center," said Saulsbury. "It's a big place."

As much as possible, he tries to run the program like a business. He assigns jobs, gives students a time in which the job should be completed, and appoints someone to be in charge.

To motivate students, it helps that in landscaping the work is immediately visible. "It doesn't take too long to realize you just got something accomplished," said Saulsbury.

One of the students' accomplishments is the Diversity Garden. A knot topiary flanked by a container arrangement on both sides, an arbor and an echo water feature make an impressive entry. New fences are surrounded by bare hillsides. This is a work in progress. Next year's students will continue where those who have moved on left off.

"A lot of centers that have the same program struggle to keep their students busy," said Saulsbury. With upkeep and installation of various projects at the center, his students don't have to worry about lack of work. The winter storm helped. "We got the chainsaws out and rented a huge chipper and we just went to town cleaning everything up," said Saulsbury.

In the program, his students learn about grounds maintenance, the basics of pruning, trimming and weeding, but they also have to understand soils and know how to amend them. They aerate, fertilize and calibrate fertilizer, learn construction techniques for fences, arbors and retaining walls and how to install irrigation. "All the things that you have to know how to do in our trade," said Saulsbury.

While the program requires students to read and write well, classroom time is limited "because that's where these kids didn't work before," explained Saulsbury. "But they're good with their hands and they want to work hard. Academics just isn't their strong suit." Graduates can get jobs far beyond the minimum wage they might otherwise labor for. And they will have learned something that will apply to wherever their careers may lead. "I just want them to take pride in everything they do," said Saulsbury.

Work in the Diversity Garden is never finished; as a training ground for students, it isn't meant to be. But the current state is well worth a visit. "I'd like to invite people every year," said landscaping instructor Kris Saulsbury. He wants the community to share in the changes of the landscape and the accomplishments of his students as they continuously improve the garden.

LCPS Garden Tour

The Diversity Garden at Tongue Point Job Corps Center is part of this year's Lower Columbia Preservation Society Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 12.

Other green gems on the tour include a secluded backyard garden, a wildlife-friendly organic garden and a small urban garden, among others.

Tickets are $15 ($10 for LCPS members), available on 17th Street in Astoria, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the day of the tour. Raffle tickets with B&B lodgings and many gift certificates as prizes are $1 each or 15 for $10.

A wine and cheese reception from 2 to 4 p.m. will follow the tour. For more information, call (503) 325-3981.

André Terwilleger, right, and Ian Howard install a rock border around boxwood bushes that will become part of the Diversity Garden's topiaries.

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Sex crime

At 7:36 p.m. Tuesday, Clatsop County Deputy Timothy Guest arrested Erik Leshe Grove, 20, of 564 Second Ave., Okanogan, Wash., on one charge of third-degree rape, a felony, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and sexual misconduct. Grove was allegedly caught having sex with a 16-year-old female student. Guest had responded to a report from a Tongue Point Job Corps security officer who walked in on the defendant and the victim in a "hidden, but common area of the base." Grove was booked into Clatsop County Jail and is scheduled for arraignment at 1:15 p.m. today.

ty's Election Technician, has been named as the Interim County Clerk.

Schurman has been with the County Clerk and Elections Department since March of 2004. Previously she worked in the Clackamas County Elections department. Schurman started as Interim County Clerk in late May.

Tongue Point Job Corps earns top honors at regional culinary expo

Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria was awarded first place during the inaugural Job Corps San Francisco Region Culinary Expo, held May 12-15 at Treasure Island Job Corps Center in San Francisco. Students on the Tongue Point team are **Amber Maksimov, Ashley Morrow** and **Staci Robinson.** Their instructor is **Chef John Newman.**

Teams of three students from 13 Job Corps centers across the San Francisco Region gathered to showcase their culinary talents at the inaugural Job Corps San Francisco Region Culinary Expo, "Wok 'n' Roll." Each student who participated in the event was selected to attend by his or her instructor.

"The San Francisco Region is fortunate to have a group of such talented instructors and chefs," said Brian Daher, regional director. "We appreciate the sponsors and judges

Dany Jones helps inflate one of the Macy's parade balloons.

Return of the Alma Mater Parade

DANY JONES, pictured above, of Hoboken, N.J., is a 1976 TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS GRADUATE. In June, he was planning a trip back to Astoria, so he called TITA MONTERO to say that he wanted to take a tour of his alma mater.

He moved several times after graduating, finally landing in New York City, where he began a career in graphic arts. He went to work for MACY'S department store, and for the last 18 years has been one of the designers and creators of the balloons, pictured, for the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. When Montero heard his story, she asked Jones to make a presentation to the students during his visit to Tongue Point.

"Approximately 100 students were mesmerized by Dany's presentation," Montero said. They could identify with many of the challenges he had faced. Dany credits Job Corps for the complete turnaround in his self-worth. He gained the confidence to figure out how to be successful in life. He left Tongue Point with the life skills necessary to make his choices and compromises." The Bat really loves a success story.

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Maritime fire drill reveals problems

The Daily Astorian and The Associated Press

A shipboard fire drill in Astoria last month revealed similar communications problems to the December storms.

Astoria Fire and Rescue hosted the drill for the Maritime Fire Safety Association June 21. The Tongue Point Job Corps Seamanship program participated by having a mock fire aboard the M/V Ironwood, under the command of Capt. Pat Albers. The Ironwood was moored at Pier 1 at the Port of Astoria.

"I'm very happy with the outcome of the drill and our ability to get specialized help from outside our immediate area," said Astoria Fire Chief Lenard Hansen. However, he added that the drill called attention to interagency communications problems.

Hansen said it offered an opportunity to test the Astoria communications center, which revealed a weakness that was apparent during the December storms.

"There needs to be a communications plan where multiple responding agencies are able to talk or communicate with each other at this type of an incident," Hansen said. "We're all on the same channel around here, but when we get all the others here, all of a sudden communications gets tied up."

During the drill, a distress call was placed to the Astoria 9-1-1 Dispatch Center that alerted Astoria Fire and Rescue, along with the U.S. Coast Guard. The fire department requested mutual aid for specialized marine firefighters from Clatskanie and the Portland Fire Bureau on the Oregon side of the Columbia River and Longview, Cowlitz County 2 (Kelso), Cowlitz County 5 (Kalama), Cowlitz County 1 (Woodland) and Vancouver on the Washington side.

Pacific County (Wash.) Fire District 1 also participated by providing mutual-aid assistance.

Hansen said it took two to three hours for all of the agencies to get to Astoria.

He said it's critical to identify a common frequency that all the agencies, including the ones from Washington, can use during emergencies. "We should all be on the same channel," he said. "That didn't happen."

The fire agencies responded to Pier 1 where the Ironwood was moored with a reported fire in the ammunition locker. Firefighters boarded the ship to perform various fire operations. Afterward, to get "hands-on," live training in extinguishing a real below-deck fire, the agencies responded to the fire training center at Clatsop Community College's Marine and Environmental Research Training Station (MERTS) campus.

Pier 1 is the designated fire berth for the Lower Columbia because it has noncombustible construction, a water supply and security. Hansen said. It's where a ship on fire would be moved, he said.

Additional participants were Chief Ron Tyson of Olney-Walluski Fire District, Port of Astoria security Chief John Hord and Officer Jim Draper, and Merchant's Exchange located in Portland. Hansen said the Merchant's Exchange, on receiving a call, then calls all of the relevant 9-1-1 Dispatch Centers. The Merchant's Exchange is the place that ships contact to make arrangements for bar pilots, grain inspectors, Immigration, Customs and Enforcement officials and other needs.

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United is the caring way

Darlene Felkins wrote in that the United Way of Clatsop County held a Day of Caring "good deed" event June 11. Volunteers, pictured above, came to the aid of Annabell Myers, who had been identified by the Clatsop County Long Term Disaster Relief Committee as having unmet needs caused by the December hurricane.

Tongue Point Job Corps youth, members of the U.S. Coast Guard Group Astoria, the Women's Resource Center, a member of the county sheriff's department and LTDRC member Scott Reuter all helped clear the fallen trees and debris on Myers' property. A grateful and happy Myers thanked everyone for their hard work, Felkins said.

Day of Caring Committee members Capt. Peter Troedsson and Pat Burness, along with the volunteers, capped the afternoon's work with a barbecue of pulled pork prepared by Tom Rowe. Burness said, "It was a lot of fun, everyone had a good time and we accomplished a lot."

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Chesimet wins Beach Run

LONG BEACH, Wash. - This year's Beach-to-Chowder Challenge 10K Run attracted all ages to the 31st annual event, held Saturday in Long Beach, Wash.

Local runner and cross country coach Kemboi Chesimet took first, finishing in 37 minutes, 34 seconds.

The Tongue Point Job Corps Center was well represented with Tsegay Gebrewald finishing third overall in 39:47, while Loyuk Kristo was seventh (46:00). Also in the hunt for honors were Brian Robinson and Robert Irvin.

Katie Hurley, Rachel Krout, Alexandra Deitrick and Ann Nguyen took part in the 5K run/walk event.

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Soft drinks machine causes fire alert at Tongue Point Job Corps Center

There was a lot of smoke at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center's recreation building this morning, but there was no fire, said Kim Shillinger, the Center's director

Someone saw the smoke and pulled the fire alarm at 9:20 a.m., the building was evacuated and the Astoria Fire Department responded

Shillinger said firefighters discovered the smoke was coming from a bad compressor on a soft drinks machine. He said the machine was unplugged and removed from the building and the only cost will be replacing the machine

Astoria responded with one engine and also called out its volunteers. Olney-Walluski and Lewis and Clark volunteer firefighters were also dispatched, but the incident was over before they arrived, said Astoria Fire Department spokeswoman Tara Constantine

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Blood drive goes hog wild

Ben Pelenske busses the chosen pig as a result of his dorm's fundraising win
Photo by Mark Kenny

Mark Kenny wrote in to the Ear to tell an unusual tale So, here it goes

"Tuesday afternoon at 3:25 p.m., a strange ceremony took place at Tongue Point Job Corps

"Ben Pelenske, the residential living supervisor, and the student dorm council president, Kenneth Litland, had to kiss a pig on the snout because their Dormitory Residence 4 raised the most money for the American Red Cross Blood Drive "

Kenny says the event is a fairly new tradition The students in each dorm try to raise as much money as possible for the Red Cross - just so they can have fun seeing their dormitory supervisor kiss a pig In public This year's kiss took place in front of an audience of more than 500 students and faculty. Kenny took the photos of the oscular event

"The individual dorm raised $112, the other three combined made it a total of $198.25," Kenny said, "and the TPJC center director, Kim Schillinger, proudly received the award given to him by the American Red Cross representative Great job, Ben and Ken and students and staff!" Ditto!

Kim Schillinger, TPJC center director, with the award given to him by the Red Cross
Photo by Mark Kenny

Dining hall at Tongue Point completed

by Joanne Rideout
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Administrators, officials and staff members gathered at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility in Astoria March 26 to cut the ribbon at a new building on campus.

The new dining hall has large windows overlooking the Columbia River, and unites two different food service facilities that formerly operated in different parts of the campus.

The building houses the main dining area for Tongue Point students and also includes the student-run Bistro, part of the facility's culinary arts program.

Student chefs cook up tasty meals for students, staff and guests, for the economical price of $4 a meal, which helps pay for the cost of food.

The Bistro, which serves meals just once a week, is separate from the regular cafeteria, which is open 7 days. Chef John Newman, owner of restaurant Newman's at 988 in Cannon Beach, teaches kids the ropes of fine cooking.

Ron Airing, director of finance and administration for the Job Corps facility, said the land on which the new dining hall is built used to be part of a tarmac field where planes were parked during the 1940s when the campus was a military base.

Construction began in July of 2006; the building first opened Feb. 8. The contractor for the project was 2KG Construction of Milwaukee, Ore. Architectural design firm DKA from Seattle designed the building.

Airing said the combined dining facilities will give culinary students more of a sense of what it would be like to work in a real commercial kitchen.

He said the new building came about in the aftermath of a federal assessment in the 1990s that determined the old dining facilities needed to be replaced. After surmounting various bureaucratic detours and red tape, Airing said, the feds OK'd funding the $4.5 million project.

Airing said counting kitchen equipment plus new chairs and tables in the cafeteria dining room, the total cost was more in the neighborhood of $5 million. The building is highly energy efficient with digitally controlled and metered energy use. He said Tongue Point's water, natural gas and electricity use has dropped since they closed the old dining facilities and opened the new one.

Tongue Point Job Corps Director Kim Shillinger said the new hall was more than just a facilities upgrade.

"While we keep all our facilities clean and neat, having a new facility like this is uplifting to the human spirit," he said.

The new Tongue Point Job Corps dining hall uses state of the art technology to reduce energy use. Photo: Joanne Rideout

Tongue Point houses an average of 500 students on campus at any given time, and employs about 150 staff members. The new dining hall will provide about 1,700 meals per day.

Landscaping outside the building includes three fountains, stone pathways, and an herb garden, designed and installed by students in Tongue Point's landscaping program.

The Tongue Point Job Corps Center is located on a former U.S. Navy Base that was built in 1939. In 1964, the facility opened as a Job Corps center.

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Tongue Point students are cooking up champion meals

The Daily Astorian

In the training kitchen at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, students and staff are answering the phone with a new moniker "West Coast Culinary Champions."

Under the instruction of Chef John Newman, a team of three students took home the culinary crown in Job Corps' "Wok 'n' Roll," the 2008 regional Culinary Expo May 12 to 15 in San Francisco

Staci Robinson, Amber Rose Maksimov and Ashley Morrow, all from hometowns in Washington, spent weeks practicing cooking dishes for the contest's first round With a lengthy menu including baked salmon, grilled romaine salad, poached sole with steamed clams and mussels, beef Wellington and coc au vin, plus chocolate hazelnut torte and a poached pear dessert, they scored high enough to advance to the next level of competition

Borrowing from the popular TV culinary challenge "Iron Chef," the finals were a "black box" challenge between five teams, with the ingredients unknown to students until it's time to cook

Newman said Tongue Point students developed a menu of yam and potato soup, barbecue pork with potato croquettes and asparagus, and baked salmon with pesto, mushroom risotto and glazed carrots They also made a seasonal berry parfait

"It was really awesome," Newman said "It was over the top "

But what really made Tongue Point stand out from the group, he said, was student conduct

"The students who participated were fairly evenly matched The difference was the professionalism and the sportsmanship students exhibited throughout the competition

That is what set them apart "

Along with a trophy for Tongue Point and individual medals, students brought home personalized chef jackets and certificates of their win They had also won the "knowledge bowl" event at the competition, which tested their understanding of classic cuts and food preparation, safety and sanitation and other skills necessary in a commercial kitchen - "everything from soup to nuts," Newman said

They also won prestige and crowing rights, Tongue Point Business and Community Liaison Tita Montero said, noting the San Francisco center where the event was held is home to Job Corps' advanced culinary academy

"For the people who went, this will be on their resumes when they're out looking for jobs," Montero said "It's a huge deal "

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Speakers seek clarity during Blurring Boundaries conversation event

Submitted photo

Ruby Leo, center, tells her story about first impressions of Astoria when she moved here as other story tellers, from left, Peter Fessler, Lucien Swerdloff and Brad Pope wait to share their stories during the first Blurring Boundaries Community Engagement Conversation.

More than 60 people from Clatsop County participated in the first Blurring Boundaries conversation at the Loft in the Red Building April 18 Catered by John Newman and his Tongue Point Job Corps Center culinary arts students, participants engaged in conversations about hopes and dreams for this county and barriers that seem to prevent them from being realized

People who represented non-profits, businesses, government agencies, the faith-based community, arts and culture, educators, students and community members attended this event

The next Blurring Boundaries conversation will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m May 16th at Liberty Theater's McTavish Room Participants will explore issues such as the need for positive activities for youth and others in our community Facilitated by Dr Ruth Stiehl, the evening will include a light dinner and music by Jeffery Reynolds A no host wine and soft drink bar will be available from 8:30 to 10 p.m

The dinner is sponsored by the White Water Institute Reservations are required For reservations, call Wendela Howie at (503) 325-4495 or e-mail clams@pacifier.com, or call Marilyn Lane at (503) 717-1252 or e-mail beach439@charter.net

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TIDES & TABLES: Changing lives in the kitchen: Chefs inspire culinary students

By LORI MCKEAN - Photos by ALEX PAJUNAS
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'When the tide is out, the table is set.'

-- Northwest tribal proverb

Eric Jenkins and John Newman are both highly regarded chefs who go out of their way to help and inspire young people interested in pursuing a culinary career.

Jenkins, of Astoria's Seafood School, recently offered to teach a seafood class for the culinary arts program at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, now run by Newman (owner of Newmans at 988 in Cannon Beach).

Tongue Point Bistro

Seatings at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thursdays

Sample menu:

Appetizer - French Onion Soup
Entrée - Marinated and Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
Dessert - Strawberry Cheesecake

Chef Eric Jenkins, right, prepares to make fettuccini noodles by flattening them in a press before slicing them into narrow strips, as Tongue Point Job Corps students in John Newman's culinary class observe.

The Job Corps is the nation's largest federally-funded education and employment training program for low-income young adults who, according to Jenkins, "are often at a crossroad in their lives." With 122 centers nationwide, Job Corps helps students obtain a high school diploma or GED, learn a trade and gain the experience necessary to find a job that excites them

The Culinary Arts program is just one of 17 programs offered at Tongue Point. Others include carpentry, cement masonry, seamanship, welding and many more. According to Newman, all of the students in his class are passionate about learning culinary arts. Many of the students at the Seafood School class were in their third or fourth month of classes at Tongue Point.

At the Seafood Center, Jenkins, among offering many other cooking classes and seafood events, regularly hosts classes for high school and elementary school students. On the kitchen wall, photos of past classes include those of a Hawaiian class, one on southern Italy cuisine, oysters, sushi and more. Jenkins also works with Newman to expand the Tongue Point students' honzons.

Daniel Whitley, 20, peels the skin from a squid as culinary students from Tongue Point Job Corps joined Chef Eric Jenkins for a seafood cooking class at the Duncan Law Seafood Consumer Center.

For this class, Jenkins volunteered to teach Newman's students about a variety of fresh local seafood. There were fresh clams, oysters, rock fish, squid, true cod, ling cod and black cod (also known as sablefish), among others, all donated by Bornstein Seafoods

"Part of our vision statement at the Seafood Center is to work with the next generation," says Jenkins. "We want to expose them to the bounty of seafood that we have in the Northwest, and this class provides an opportunity for them to play around with extraordinary seafood."

When I arrived, class was already underway. Divided among cooking stations, a dozen industrious students, dressed in classic chef's hats, checkered pants, black shoes and aprons, were busy juicing lemons, chopping garlic, onions and parsley, gutting fish and rolling out fresh pasta - all in preparation for the grand finale, "Eric's Seafood Alfredo," served with Caesar salad Taking advantage of the three different species of fresh cod provided by Bornstein, Jenkins also had students help prepare black cod in hoisin sauce, ling cod in Philippine banana sauce and true cod in lemon, garlic and white wine.

Kerri Lewis, 21, paints a layer of hoisin glaze onto a black cod during a seafood cooking demonstration for Chef John Newman's Tongue Point culinary students.

Students watched intently as Jenkins taught them how to clean fresh squid by "squeezing out" the parrot-like beak, then removing the ink sac and the quill (which looks like a transparent quill pen). The ink sac, he explains, is used as a defense mechanism by the squid. "It's edible," he says, "and used to flavor and color pasta and soups." Students then learned how to separate the tentacles from the body and slice the body into rings. Surprisingly, nobody was squeamish; they were intent on learning.

Following the squid, Jenkins instructed students on how to prepare prawns, clams and oysters. Meanwhile, two eager students, intent on their mission, were still rolling out fresh pasta. After cutting the pasta into fettuccini, they gently hung the long strands on wooden dowels to dry. Others were still busy at their stations, chopping garlic, dicing onions, buttering garlic bread and grating cheese.

The enthusiasm for learning and the pride and camaraderie that the students shared was inspiring. One student, who has been in the program for about seven months, told me "I want to be in culinary - it's my passion. I will be the only one in my family to go into culinary."

Kerri Lewis, who fished with her father as a child, was so proud to be chosen by chefs Newman and Jenkins to gut fish. "Now I get to call my daddy and tell him that I gutted three fish, and they were all cod," she said. Jenkins also gave Lewis the task of preparing the cod for baking. The whole fish (with head and tail intact) were rubbed inside and out with salt and pepper. The black cod was then painted thoroughly with hoisin sauce, topped with freshly-chopped green onions and sesame seeds, and put in the oven to bake.

Next, Jenkins demonstrated the preparation for ling cod in Phillipian banana sauce. After heating oil in a sauté pan, he tossed in a handful of sliced onions and another handful of whole Thai chilies. The students were all gathered around the stove watching every move.

After adding the clams and other seafood to the pan, Jenkins added a splash of white wine and the pan burst into flames. "I know you guys like fire," he said. "We wouldn't be in culinary if we didn't like fire." He then added homemade fish stock, explaining how he makes it from a halibut carcass that is soaked in ice water for two hours before cooking. "This leaches out the blood and prevents the stock from getting cloudy," he said. Next, students added a bottle of Philippine banana sauce - "It's their catsup," explained Jenkins, "but it's spicier and it has bananas in it."

After the seafood had cooked, he added handfuls of fresh pasta and stirred in a generous helping of half-and-half, and finally, two egg yolks. When asked about concerns regarding low-fat cooking, Jenkins joked, "Did I ever tell you this was going to be a low-fat cooking class?"

"This is so exciting," exclaimed Lewis, as the final touches were made to the dish. By this time, everyone was excited and talking passionately about cooking. When Jenkins threw salt and pepper in the dish to season it, everyone shouted "bam!" "There is no bamming here," he said, to which Newman replied, "So this is the anti-bam class."

Next, they were on to Caesar Salad 101, where garlic played a part. "We are the garlic girls," said two students who had been chopping garlic all morning. Every time Jenkins used an ingredient the students had prepared, they beamed with pride. Overheard were comments about garlic. "I love garlic," said Newman. "It just hits you at once." Student Walker told me that the tops of garlic flowers are the strongest and will keep bugs out of the garden. Comments like these were flowing. The excitement kept building as the meal was finally ready.

Candlelit tables were set with white linen and red cloth napkins. After Jenkins had dished up the last plate, we all sat down together and a church-like silence fell over the room as the students tasted the dishes they had helped prepare

Seated across from me were Tiffany Green and Lewis. "I want to be a sweet cook - a pastry chef," said Tiffany. "That's why I'm here." Kerri says she's going to have her own restaurant one day. The two have even talked of opening a place together. As they were finishing their lunch, the bus pulled up to take them back to Tongue Point. Many of the students came up personally to thank Jenkins for sharing his passion and knowledge. "It is so nice to see how John Newman has taught these students to be so dutiful and respectful in someone else's kitchen," said Jenkins. Currently, Newman has 18 students enrolled in the Tongue Point culinary program, where the focus is on hands-on learning. The program runs about one year, after which students can apply to transfer to advanced culinary training at Treasure Island in San Francisco.

"The most rewarding part of my job," says Newman, "is what I call the light bulb going off in your head. When you get a student who is surly or resists learning, you have to give them a little discipline and earn their trust. Once they realize that you are on their side, you can get them to believe in themselves. Once they believe in themselves, they start to achieve success. It is such a beautiful thing to watch that transformation where they gain confidence - when finally you see the fire in their eyes and they say 'Right on. I can do this.'"

The newly-remodeled student-run Tongue Point Bistro is open to the public for lunch each Thursday. For information, call Tongue Point Job Corps.

The Warrenton Trails Association is a volunteer citizen group dedicated to creating, enhancing and supporting maintenance of a 25-mile, multiuse trail loop through historically significant public land areas within the City of Warrenton and Clatsop County

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Tita Montero
Business & Community Liaison
Tongue Point Job Corps Center
37573 Old Highway 30
Astoria, OR 97103

Dear Ms. Montero:

On behalf of WarrentonDogPark and the Warrenton Trails Association we gratefully acknowledge your donation of four fine concrete benches to the first full size off leash dog park on the Oregon Coast. The benches crafted by the Tongue Point students in Mr. Fromm's masonry program have been placed in shady spots at the dog park which is located in Eben H. Carruthers Park on the Columbia River. They are getting daily compliments and will provide a comfortable resting spot for years to come.

The Warrenton Trails Association and multiple partners are creating a 30 mile Trails system that will connect Ft. Clatsop, Ft. Stevens, and Warrenton City parks with neighborhoods, shopping, and schools. We anticipate further opportunities to work with you and welcome the involvement of other Tongue Point programs as well as additional benches for the trails system when they are available.

Thank you for your contributions to these community projects.

Sincerely,

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Say cheese Tongue Point

Tongue Point Job Corps culinary arts student Janie Mowat took second place in the Taste of Tillamook Amateur Mac 'N Cheese Contest March 15. Chef John Newman, one of the judges who also teaches at Tongue Point, told the Ear that her recipe, "Tina's Mac 'N Cheese," was inspired by Mowat's sister, who only eats macaroni and cheese out of a box, Janie wanted to show her how really good "mac 'n cheese" can, and should, taste

Mowat practiced at Tongue Point for three weeks before the competition perfecting her recipe, which includes elbow macaroni, a béchamel sauce and indigenous ingredients like Tillamook cheese Newman said her "plating presentation was outstanding" at the contest Quite an accomplishment!

Writing this story is making the Ear very hungry A link to Mowat's winning recipe can be found at (http://www.tasteoftillamookcounty.com/mac.htm)

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Emergency response volunteers gear up to face just about anything

A Community Emergency Response Team finished training May 17, and joined the existing team, bringing the total for the Astoria Fire & Rescue-sponsored team to 25 members

A simulation held at the Maritime and Environmental Research and Training Station campus was the final class for the group, which began training March 27. Students from Tongue Point Job Corps assisted by being the "victims" in the scenarios to provide authenticity The original CERT team, which graduated a year ago, assisted in mentoring the new students with the exercise. The final scenario was followed by presentation of certificates and a light lunch.

Submitted photo
The graduating class, back row, from left, David West, Teri Bennett, Tami Arnold and CERT Coordinator Dorothy Davidson. Middle row, from left, Astoria Fire Marshall Mike Jackson, Sheila Brown, Jenn Farrar and Karen Elder. Front row, from left, Jackie Riekkola, Jon Riekkola and CERT Coordinator Bill Davidson.

get involved

To be placed on the waiting list for the next training, call Astoria Fire & Rescue at (503) 325-2345.

The CERT course consists of training in disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, triage, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology.

A total of 20 hours of classroom and hands-on training is required to become part of the team, with continuing education opportunities every other month.

Anyone interested in taking an active role in hometown preparedness can participate in the no-cost training, which focuses on all hazards and is taught by professionals in each field
To be placed on the waiting list for the next training, call Astoria Fire & Rescue at (503) 325-2345

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We want to thank you for the planters you made for our school. They will help us make our school look even better! Soon we will be putting plants in the planter box outside our fourth grade classroom, and we can look forward to seeing them bloom all summer when we come to play on the school playground.

The planters are great. You do good work, and we are glad you gave some of the planters to our school.

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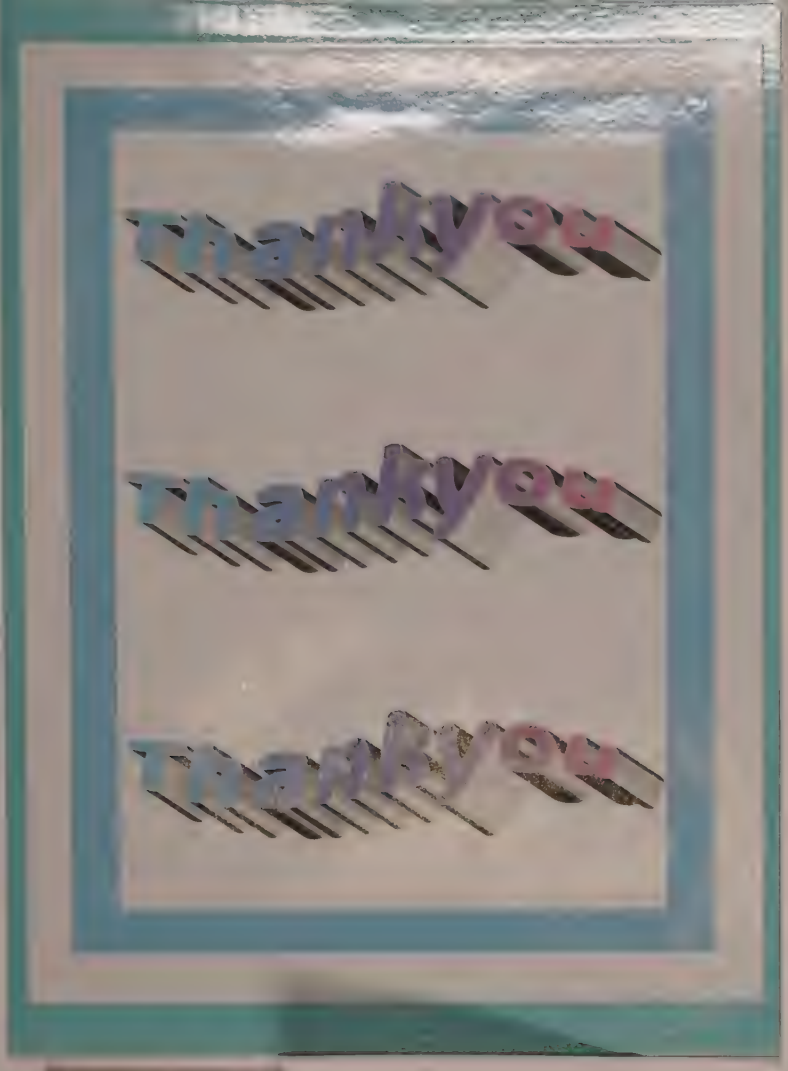
Ms. Wheatley



Dear Tita

Thank you for your donation to Coastal Family Health Center's May 8 Open House ceremonies. The raffle drawing was very much enjoyed by all present. The two golf umbrellas were greatly appreciated and helped us raise over $300.

Thank you for your generous support.

Coastal Family Health Center

Bob Steiner and Students,

Thank your for your assistance at our recent disaster response Lvl. Your efforts allowed us to present a realistic scenario for our new group of CERT volunteers.

Thanks for Your Help!

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-L Corp,

Thank you so much for giving your time on helping us out during the Scandinavian festival. Your help makes a great impact on the younger kids.

Thanks again from the "Barnefest committee"

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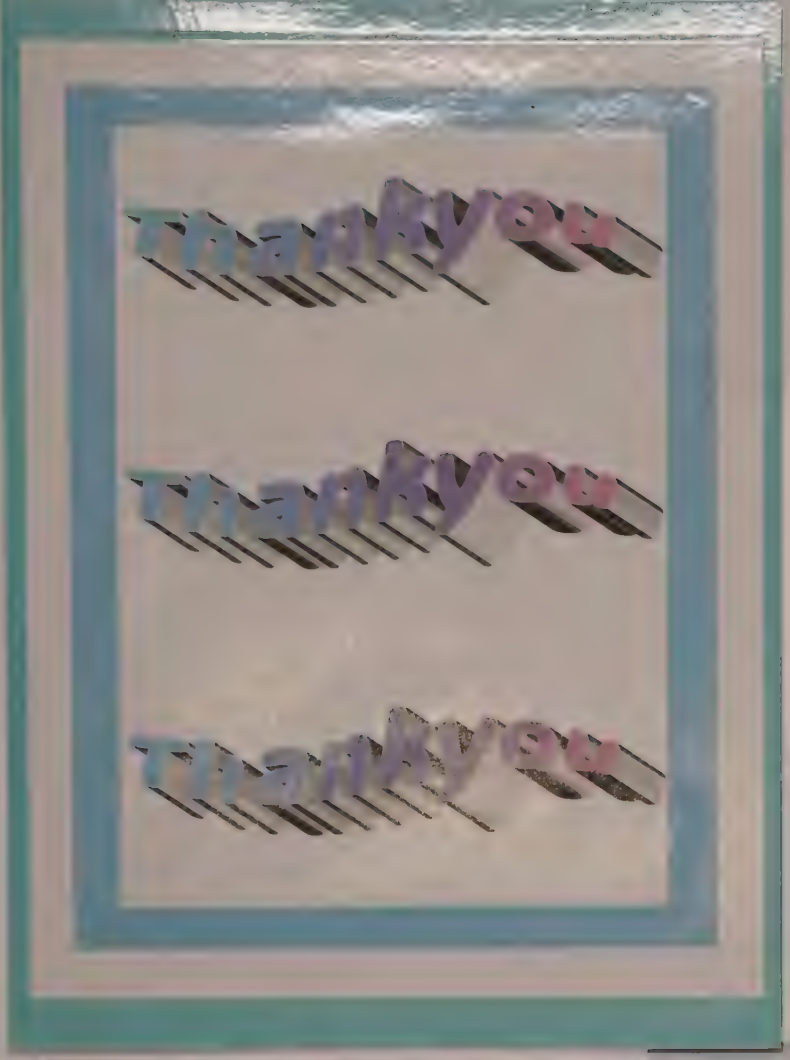

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Mr. Steiner and Job Corps Students,

The Astoria Fire Department wishes to thank you for helping us continue to assure a high level of service and care for those who deserve the best . . . the people of our community.

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Mike Jackson

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Description:

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Description:

TLA is an educational nonprofit dedicated to more self-reliant "sustainable" living. Volunteers may care for animals on the homestead, work in the garden or greenhouses, lend clerical support for community projects, preserve foods, or help with renewable energy or appropriate technology projects, and more. Work varies with the seasonal cycles and with the interests of each volunteer, and much work is done without power tools. Workdays and hours are open. We do ask that each volunteer keep a regular weekly schedule. In return, we teach volunteers about the knowledge, skills, and personal adjustments that make sustainability less stressful to ourselves and to the planet, and more practical economically.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center

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Web site: Webpage on Seaside Chamber of Commerce website at seasidechamber.com

Description:

The Tri City Spay and Neuter Association is a non profit, all volunteer organization. We provide discount spay and neuter certificates to the residents of Seaside, Gearhart, and Cannon Beach. These certificates are accepted at any of the local veterinarians. We also assist the Clatsop County Animal Shelter with spaying and neutering and provide funds to the Seaside Food Bank for pet food. The association runs a thrift shop at 600 Broadway (Riverwalk) which has been in exstance for over 30 years. Donations of household items, small appliances and furniture, clothing, books, shoes, games, and toys are received during regular business hours 10 a.m. – 4 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Volunteers who sort, price, decorate, clean, or cashier receive discounts on items purchased at the end of their work day.

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Hop on the bus and take a free ride

CCC and Sunset Empire Transportation District form transit partnership

By SANDRA SVALIN
The Daily Astorian

Clatsop Community College's winter term started Monday and so did free bus service for all registered students, faculty and staff

The free service is the product of a partnership between the college and Sunset Empire Transportation District, which operates The Bus, the brightly-colored buses that have been providing service throughout Clatsop County for more than a decade

To ride for free, all a student needs is an I D card *from CCC with a winter-term bus sticker attached* to it. Faculty and staff need only their I.D. cards. "We're thrilled We think it's a great idea This will benefit the college, the economy and the environment," CCC President Greg Hamann said. "It creates an opportunity for our students to change the way they travel here and at the same time really reduces the parking pressure that we have on this campus. It's a great campus and we don't want to take it up with cars

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Laura Shiprack, 18, a Tongue Point Job Corps student enrolled in the Advanced Career Training program at Clatsop Community College, waits to catch a bus back to the Tongue Point campus Monday. Beginning this winter term, CCC students, faculty and staff are provided with free transit through a partnership between CCC and the Sunset Empire Transportation District.

The college will pay SETD a flat rate for every registered student and every faculty and staff member the college employs, Cindy Howe, the transportation district's executive director, explained. SETD has the same agreement with Tongue Point Job Corps, where about 500 students ride the bus every day Howe said they will all be able to ride free, using regular fixed routes, which have recently been updated and expanded to better serve Knappa and South County

Although this term is the first time for free bus service, SETD had been offering CCC students a $65 per term bus pass - a third of the regular price - for the last five years. And now, with new construction on campus eating up parking spaces for faculty and staff, the college is also paying SETD to shuttle employees from parking lots at the Red Lion Inn and the Performing Arts Center Although the college is picking up the tab for the free service and the shuttle service, Hamann considers it a bargain compared with the $15,000 per parking space he said it would cost to build a parking structure.

"I always thought it made more sense for everyone to have access to public transportation," Howe said. "For us, it's ridership. It costs us the same whether it's two riders or 30." Howe said the SETD's ridership has increased by 25 percent since September and is now up to 5,000 rides a day She expects an even bigger increase in the next couple of months with the free service for CCC

State Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, made a trip to Astoria on Monday to be part of the kick-off event for the new bus service. She said it's good for the environment, good for the college and good for building ridership on The Bus

"I think it's a wonderful partnership," Johnson said "It'll move people up here expeditiously without all the parking problems, it utilizes a community resource and it alleviates the congestion up here."

Even while the free bus service proposal was still under discussion, Marcia Fenske, president of the SETD board, said college students told her they were excited about it. "There's no parking The parking's all gone in this area," Fenske said, noting that spaces are especially scarce now that the college's major campus renovation project is underway "We're trying to get people out of their cars and onto the bus."

As gas prices rise and the economy plummets, switching from cars to public transportation is the trend nationwide It's especially true for college students, according to Andrew Clark in an Oct. 4, 2008, story on the ABC News Web site College students all over the country are walking, biking and taking buses and trains to save money, Clark wrote, and college administrators are helping them by providing alternative transportation options

The Daily Astorian ALEX PAJUNAS —
Gathering Monday inside a bus shelter at Clatsop Community College to celebrate the beginning of free bus service for college students, faculty and staff are, from left, Anita Hughes, CCC registrar, state Sen. Betsy Johnson, Joanne Swenson, CCC student success coordinator, Sunset Empire Transportation District board member Rae Goforth, Bob Gannaway, vice-president of the SETD board, Marcia Fenske, president of the SETD board, Cindy Howe, SETD's executive director, Greg Hamann, president of CCC, Rosemary Baker-Monaghan, president of the CCC board, and Roger Friesen, CCC's dean of student services. CCC and SETD entered into a partnership to provide the free bus service starting with the winter term, which began Monday.

Citing statistics from the American Public Transportation Association, Clark wrote that in 2007, 10.7 percent of public transit riders were students and that public transportation ridership in general increased by 140 million rides in 2008 compared to the previous year

Howe said Sunset Empire Transportation District wants to be the model for the rest of rural Oregon and its partnership with Clatsop College is making that possible. "It means ridership to Sunset Empire, it means going green," she said "The state of Oregon is all about going green and this is our part and we want to be a model transit system for the rest of the rural transit systems throughout the state "

Johnson said SETD is already leading the way "It's one of those win, win, win situations and I really credit the leadership of Cindy Howe and President Hamann and their respective boards in coming to the conclusion that this kind of partnership makes good sense," Johnson said

"This is terrific "

Seaside Signal

New arboretum started around Seaside Museum

Thursday, February 05, 2009
Donald Allison

The Clatsop County Utility Line-Friendly Arboretum at the Seaside Museum and Historical Society got 11 new trees last Friday as members of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center Landscaping Crew planted the trees.

Seaside Museum Board Member Ken Ward said after the devastating storm of December 2007 that blew down a number of power lines, Pacific Power wanted to use the event as an opportunity to inform citizens about tree planting around power lines.

Tongue Point Job Corps Center Landscaping Crew members plant trees at the Seaside Museum and Historical Society last Friday.

"This public arboretum of small trees will serve to remind and inform people how important it is to minimize the risk of trees crashing into power lines during storm events, and that there are attractive choices for small trees that can grow near lines," Ward said. "We hope that this small grouping of trees may encourage citizens and tourists to linger longer, share a picnic a little more slowly, and increase their understanding of the concept 'right tree, right place,' which emphasizes making wise tree choices prior to planting."

Ward said the following types of trees are being planted in the Clatsop County Utility Line-Friendly Arboretum: Japanese Hornbeam, Dwarf Hinoki Cypress, "Jack" Pear, "Adirondack" Crabapple, "Golden Desert" ash, "Pink Chimes" Japanese Snowbell, Weeping Katsura, "Snow Goose" Japanese Cherry, and Tall Stewarta.

Ward said when they were choosing trees for the arboretum, they noted that many coastal residents often have areas in their yards that are buffered from strong winds and salt spray. Therefore, most of the trees in the arboretum are not particularly salt-spray tolerant, nor can they grow straight when buffered by strong wind gusts.

"We chose these trees with the intention to not only inform North Coast residents about safer tree choices near power lines, but also to introduce some exciting new tree varieties to help diversify their cities' tree canopies," Ward said. "While most of these trees will not thrive beach-side, with a little shelter from wind and salt spray and some summer watering when they are young, these trees should do well in coastal communities."

Ward said the new arboretum is a cooperative project funded and supported by Pacific Power, and in partnership with the following local businesses and people: Nature's Helper Inc., Consulting Arborist Joe Balden, Seaside Chamber of Commerce, Clean Sweep Inc., Tongue Point Job Corps, R&M Plant Procurement, City of Seaside, and Oregon Department of Forestry.

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Friday, February 13, 2009

In One Ear

Hi ho, hi ho, it's on to work we go

Projects at Ernie Aiken Field and the Seaside Museum are being accomplished by students from Tongue Point Job Corps Center "The students really appreciate the opportunity to put what they're learning into practice and contribute to the community," commented Kris Saulsbury, TPJC instructor

Tongue Point Job Corps students cleared grass, planted trees and spread truckfuls of bark at the Seaside Museum.

Ernie Aiken, far right, oversees the work being done at Ernie Aiken Field by Tongue Point Job Corps students.

Dick Powell of the Astoria Rotary has enlisted the assistance of TPJC landscaping, carpentry and cement masonry students, directed by instructors Saulsbury, Jimmy Beckwith and Cliff Johnson, to update Ernie Aiken Field

When the work began, Aiken was there to oversee The work involves excavation of both cement and dirt to make way for larger pads. Cement will be poured, the roofs will be extended and there will be room for a shed for equipment storage. The dugouts will also be improved

Eleven trees were planted at the Seaside Museum, which is the site of the developing Clatsop County Arboretum The trees were provided by Pacific Power Benny Olson of Clean Sweep donated time, bark and the use of his backhoe Pam Fleming chose the planting configuration

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Monday, February 16, 2009

All hands on deck make light work

Tongue Point seamanship program uses hands-on, performance-based instruction

By JOE GAMM
The Daily Astorian

The Daily Astorian ALEX PAJUNAS —
Seamanship students at the Tongue Point Job Corps lift the gangway off the deck of the luka and onto the pier Jan. 8. The students were preparing to get under way for a training exercise with the U.S. Coast Guard

Those roughnecks and merchant mariners who work on the tugs and cargo ships along the Columbia River and out on open waters weren't all born to the job

They were made - pounded into shape at places like the Tongue Point Job Corps Center Maritime Training program

The seamanship program uses hands-on, performance-based instruction and assessments of its students Training is split between hands-on and classroom instruction, with the hands-on training receiving 75 percent of instruction time

And even when students are out on one of six water craft, when they have down time they might be found studying their textbooks

In addition to the textbooks and nuts and bolts of the jobs they're learning, students are taught real-life lessons like balancing a checkbook or writing a résumé

Some 50 students are enrolled in the program, which graduates about 20 each year They are taught by five staff

The seamanship program is divided into two departments - the engine room and the deck

Deck training (also known as Able Seaman) teaches the students life boat handling, line handling, splicing lines, attaching lines to barges, steering and basic navigation, basic engine room maintenance, firefighting and other skills required by the U S. Merchant Marine

The engine room (or Qualified Member of the Engine room Department - QMED) students are taught basic maintenance of diesel engines, operation of generators and boilers, identification of fuel, air and water lines, basic Able Seaman skills and how to compute fuel usage and capacities, according to the program's Web site

"If they're capable and want to do it, they can get both endorsements," said Patrick Albers, the program director "Those students that get both endorsements are really sought after "

He said former students have gone on to work for such organizations as tugboat companies around Seattle and the Columbia River, the U.S Army Corps of Engineers, the Military Sea Lift Command and the Columbia River Bar Pilots. Albers said about a dozen of the students get to train on barges belonging to the Corps

"It's good to expose students to the real world. (The Corps) is our only option for external training," Albers said

He said the Job Corps is working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to find another source for outside training

"Some students want to work on deep draughts - or ships," said Gunnar Allen, the program's boatswain "Some want to work on tug boats."

Szabi Vas, a 20-year-old Hungarian student from Seattle, is attempting to earn both endorsements, the Able Seaman and the QMED "I want to work on tug boats," he said "I just like the hard work I want to help the older guys out."

"We start 'em out in the scullery, as dishwashers and mess cooks," Allen said. "They learn every job from the helm down to cleaning heads - the toilets "

A 19-year-old female student from Hawaii, Ambree Hauhio, said she's trying for both certifications too, "so I can go out in cargo ships and become a chief engineer "
The programs take between 18 and 24 months to complete, and she's been in them for 10 Some of the training requires students to take the boats out on multi-day exercises, so there are separate quarters for female students
The Ironwood, a 180-foot-long, 743-gross-ton seagoing buoy tender, can accommodate 50 students and eight staff members

Tongue Point Job Corps student Joey Kepa, right, 21, from Molokai, Hawaii, peeks up at a computer monitor while piloting the luka under the watch of Tim Pugh, the assistant director of the seamanship program and deck instructor.
ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian

Joey Kepa, 21, from Molokai, Hawaii, just graduated from the program

"I was born and raised on the ocean," he said "I'll be looking for a job, any job - tug boats, deep draughts, anything Albers said the program maintains a 95 percent placement rate, but eventually the slow down in the economy is bound to affect shipping, and placing students might become more difficult

Nate Cunningham, 19, from Portland, has been sent out on the bar pilots' boat several times He started on the deck, "harnessed in "

"The No. 1 priority is pilot safety when you embark and disembark," he said

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Friday, March 06, 2009

Tongue Point student landscapes a design for his growing career

John Cader makes history as the first Job Corps student to earn a Certified Landscape Technician certificate

By DEBRA SCHWINN
The Daily Astorian

John Cader, 19, a Tongue Point Job Corps student in the landscape program, recently became the nation's first job corps student to become a certified landscape technician. Cader hopes to return to his home town of Brookings and open his own landscaping business.
The Daily ALEX PAJUNAS — Astorian

At 19, Tongue Point Job Corps Center landscaping student John Cader knows his turf

He's spent the last 16 months learning about irrigation, fertilization and the basic principles and calculations for turf-grass maintenance And he's got the certificate to prove it

Cader has made history as the first student in Job Corps history to earn the Certified Landscape Technician (CLT) certificate from the national organization Professional Landcare Network, said Tita Montero, business and community liaison at Tongue Point

Cader's teacher, Kris Saulsbury, said Cader's hard work will pay off when it's time for him to head out into the job market in a few months. The classification lets an employer know that a candidate will be ready to work on day one.

"For students, it's a huge tool in their belt It shows that they've proven their worth to the industry already," said Saulsbury, a former landscape contractor

The test has written and hands-on components, and allows each individual to demonstrate their competence in an area of expertise Cader has already earned his turf maintenance Certified Landscape Technician credential and will try for a second credential in irrigation later this month

The standards are rigorous and even many industry professionals haven't been successful at earning these credentials, Saulsbury said

"It's an extensive testing process and you have to prove to a number of people that you know what you're doing I've had others try, and I didn't pass on my first try either," he said Saulsbury holds Certified Landscape Technician credentials in irrigation and softscape installation

But for Cader, the effort and even the studying came easily once he arrived at Tongue Point But that wasn't always the case for him during high school in Brookings

"I never studied before I came here," Cader said "But I've always wanted to do this, I just didn't know how "

Saulsbury praised Cader's aptitude and determination, and has no doubt Cader will earn that second certificate and later take the landscaping contractor's exam

"Not everyone has the drive that John has, but he'll be able to go out into the industry and do anything he wants to do without looking over his shoulder," he said He's got his eye on being the youngest person in Oregon with a contractor's license, so he can work for himself right out of the gate

Even though small business operation is not technically a part of the landscaping curriculum at Tongue Point, Saulsbury said he's shared as much as he can about running a small business with his students

Montero said that application of real world expertise to teaching is what JobCorps and Tongue Point is all about

"It's not what we do officially, but it is what any of our instructors do," Montero said

In the meantime, Cader is still riding the high of his achievement, knowing his family is especially thrilled

Cader called his father the moment he found out he'd passed the exam, and a beaming smile filled his face as he described his dad's response

"He was proud, real proud," Cader said

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In One Far

Welding class is taking it to the streets

DEBBIE LAKE wrote in for the ASTORIA ELKS LODGE that DAVID CURL'S TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER WELDING CLASS was looking for some "hands on" experience "The sagging steel cover to the old freight elevator located in the sidewalk outside the Astoria Elks building was just what instructor Curl was looking for," Lake said

"The class set up shop on the sidewalk, placing screens to protect the public The class shored up and leveled the steel cover and welded it in place The Astoria Elks would like to thank the TPJCC class for a job well done!"

Pictured above, from left, SAIGE CONNOLLY, DAVID CURL, GALEN BALLASY, BRYCE NELSON, SASHA PITZ and CODI CHERRY Not pictured, on fire watch in the basement, ROYAL BEELER

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Martin Luther King, Jr
January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

I have decided to stick with love.
Hate is too great a burden to bear

CHANGING LIVES
BUILDING FUTURES
ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

"I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land! I may not get there with you , but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."

~ From an address given in Memphis the night before his assassination, April 3, 1968.

I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.

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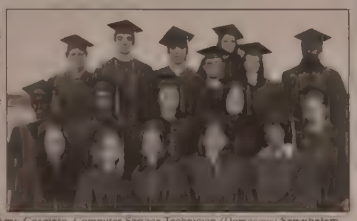
TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER CONGRATULATES GRADUATES WINTER 2009

We congratulate the 36 students who completed their training at Tongue Point Job Corps Center during Winter 2008.



Nineteen graduates walked the stage to collect their graduate certificates at the quarterly TPJCC graduation ceremony held January 23rd. Pictured are: *Row 1:* **Al McGrew-Sakamoto,** Dental Assisting *(Beaverton)*, **Erica Russell**, Dental Assisting *(Vancouver, WA)*, **Katrina McKamey**, Dental Assisting *(Tillamook)* **Amy Casciato**, Computer Service Technician *(Damascus)* **Sewudaiem Gatew**, Home Health Aide-CNA *(Seattle)*; *Row 2:* **Ibrahim Adam**, Home Health Aide-CNA *(Renton WA)*, **Set Aung**, Carpentry *(Portland)*, **Jennifer Couch**, Carpentry *(Long Beach, WA)*, **Andrea Swed**, Finance & Business *(Boise)* **Mary Sealey**, Finance & Business *(Portland)*; *Row 3:* **Jimmy Smiley**, Computer Service Technician *Newberg*; **Jacob Anderson**, Culinary *(Spokane)*; **Geoffrey Stanek**, Plastering *(Gaston, OR)*; **Timothy Brown** Carpentry *(Bellingham)*, **Kennita Polston** Home Health Aide-CNA *(Keizer, OR)*; **Yared Ambachew** Carpentry *(Seattle)*; *Row 4:* **Emilee Gonzalez** Dental Assisting *(Portland)*. Not pictured **Julianne Hill,** Home Health Aide-CNA *(Salem)*, **Estefania Lucero**, Finance & Business *(Portland)*

We wish you many future successes!

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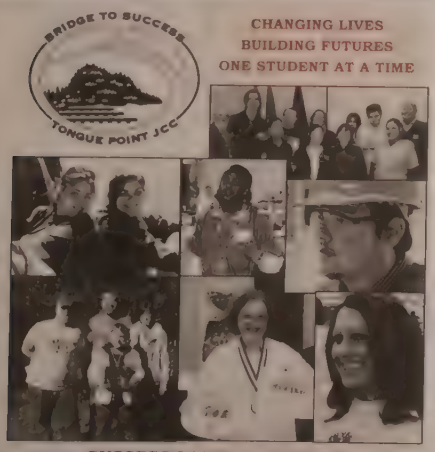

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These Clatsop County businesses have mentored Job Corps students in practicing the skills they are learning through Work Based Learning

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We invite other businesses to participate in Work Based Learning.

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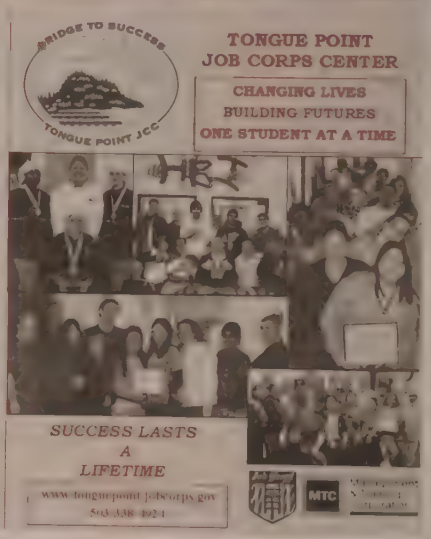

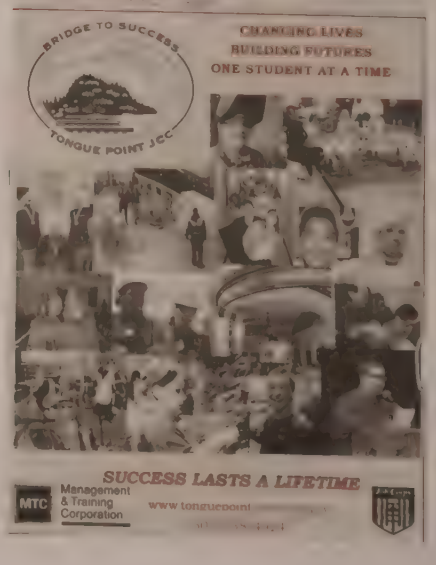

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Almost two years ago **Tina Straw**, 22, decided to enroll in Job Corps - but it took her a year to actually apply. Earlier, she had left high school just a few credits short of getting her diploma. She arrived at TPJCC from Vancouver last October. Since then she has earned her GED and is training in Finance and Business, she is a student mentor and hall leader in her dorm. **Tina's** community service has been, in her words " pretty much garbage (smoke) " as she participates in SOLV's beach clean ups and weekly Riverwalk trash pickup. But she specially likes donating blood for the Red Cross blood drives on center.

Staff describe **Tina** as " a dedicated student with a great work ethic committed to her success a great leader with a great attitude focused on her goals an outstanding leader" And, importantly, "she follows through."

Tina is planning to go on to advanced training in Job Corps' TCU program or by attending CCC through TPJCC's college program.

John Brunes, 22, is a "local boy' – born in Astoria and raised/living in Knappa. His mother works for Dr. Duncan in Astoria and his father works at Wauna Mill. **John** dropped out of Knappa High in junior year, earned a GED and tried out Bible College in Canada. The youngest of four brothers, he decided to attend TPJCC because his twin brother was already enrolled. **John** chose to train in Welding. During the last eighteen months **John** has been a student mentor, art tech and security cadet. His community service includes working at the Astoria Community Center and for the North Coast Land Conservancy.

John is highly regarded as a student, leader and welder by his welding instructor. He and other staff describe John as " ...extremely dependable, dedicated, hard working, trustworthy, diplomatic..." "He sets a great example for other students...he is always there to help. " They agree that "He is a strong leader and a good listener."

When he completes welding training **John** plans to attend CCC through TPJCC's college program.

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Saeda Ahmednegash, 24, is Ethopian.

She emigrated to Seattle about three years ago to join her father who had been in the U.S. for more than 15 years.

Not having any English fluency, she could not even communicate with brothers who had been born in the U.S. Some family friends told her about Job Corps — she arrived at TPJCC in July, 2007. In just two years, Saeda has become fluent in English, earned her high school diploma, achieving high math scores; and received a driver's license. Most importantly, she has earned CNA-1 certification through her vocational studies and practicum.

As a student of the month, the following was written about Saeda: "...she can always be counted on to assist newer students with learning new skills... is respectful professional... compassionate... kind... considerate... consistent... genuine and caring. always has a smile on her face...; has a strong work ethic. She is definitely a model student in her determination, her work ethic, and her willingness to volunteer."

Dane Louthan, 21, hails from St. Helen's.

Already having a high school diploma, Dane did not need the academics offered at TPJCC.

Within 18 months of his arrival, Dane has earned his driver's license and completed his pre-apprenticeship training in Architectural Metal and Glass (Glazing), accomplishing to overcome his initial fear of heights. Dane just completed his first term at Clatsop Community College and is attending summer term. His goal is to obtain his AA in management.

Others described Dane as: "...mentor for the newer pre-apprentice students in the glazing program... comes in to the glazing shop to help out on his own time... an honor student... very professional and dependable... hard working... always goes above and beyond... sets examples for his peers... is a joy to be around."

Dane commented about Job Corps: "With free college, it just doesn't get any better than this."

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Damon Ross, 22, is from the Tacoma, WA area. He has been a student at TPJCC, in the Finance & Business program for almost 9 months during which he's also earned his GED. He has held a variety of leadership positions including tutor, mentor, dorm council vice president, and security cadet. He is currently the secretary of the Student Government Association.

Damon dropped out of high school during his senior year. Although he worked 2 fulltime jobs simultaneously for 2 years, he was not advancing due to the need for vocational training and further education. Once he completes his vocational training Ross is planning to attend Clatsop Community College through TPJCC's advanced training program.

Ross is recognized as "a very positive student who is always willing to help an outstanding, proactive leader with so much potential. takes his leadership duties very seriously." It is noted "If he says he will do something, you can count on him to come through. No matter what he does, from leading new student orientation to sharing his musical skills, he does a fantastic job."

Jennifer Shilke, 24, is from the Tacoma, WA area. Dropping out of high school during Junior year, Jennifer was unable to get a job. Having a sister who attended TPJCC and the support of her father helped Jenaifer decide to enroll in Job Corps. During the last two years she has earned her high school diploma, driver's license and flagger certification, she is planning to attend Clatsop Community College through TPJCC's advanced training program when she completes her vocational training in the Finance & Business program. Jennifer is the current treasurer for the Student Government Association she has also been a mentor.

In being nominated, Jennifer is acknowledged for: "She has gone over and above all expectations both academically and vocationally." "Her perseverance and determination to succeed are outstanding." "She strives for perfection, is extremely conscientious, and has an excellent work ethic." "She takes great pride in doing her very best work. She willingly does whatever is asked of her, and is kind to everyone." "She will be an asset to her employers."

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Cindy Johnson and Kim Olson have worked together in TPJCC's records department for the past year – Cindy as the travel clerk and Kim as the data entry clerk. During the previous eleven years they also worked together for two other employers. Living around the corner from each other in Knappa where they also grew up - they're almost family. Both have 2 children, Cindy has grandchildren as well. And now they're both being honored together.

Coordinating 525 students' round trip travel for two breaks per year is a complex task. With Cindy's organizational skills, summer break travel went smoother than ever. In addition, she coordinates travel schedules for 15-20 new students "all arriving within a couple hours of each other in Portland every week." Cindy's manager cites her " incredible organizational skills". She is "willing to explore new ways of doing the job better".

One of Kim's tasks is coordinating and organizing all information to produce the all important daily Morning Report which reflects the enrollment pulse of the Center. Accuracy and timeliness are critical – and Kim is consistently successful. Kim "has a "can do" attitude" "she is not afraid to step out of her box."

Both Cindy and Kim are described as great team players.

Lorna Ford's family moved to Warrenton when she was 18. After living on the Long Beach peninsula for 15 years where 2 children and a grandson still reside - Lorna moved back to Warrenton 10 years ago. Her third child graduated from Warrenton High School.

Having worked in various positions in the Maintenance department since 1999, Lorna is described as being "adept at listening as well as expressing her opinion" "a ... diplomat"... "an outstanding member of the team" "sacrifices for the good of the team" Interested in creative arts, Lorna describes herself as "I'm not one to be stuck in a box."

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Astoria was the last duty station for Barbara Yelton's husband prior to his retirement from the Coast Guard. As soon as they moved here in 1992, they knew Astoria would be their home. Their three children went through the Astoria school system; two still live in the area. Barbara's husband works at the County Transition Center. After stints at Peter Pan Market and the USCG exchange, Barbara joined TPJCC in 2000 as a secretary. Progressing through three more positions before being promoted to Buyer /Purchasing Agent, Barbara has knowledge of many aspects of the TPJCC operations. She is also a board member for United Way.

Being nominated as staff of the month, Barbara is described as working with a "bright and optimistic spirit" and being a "champion of efficiency." She is commended for "flexing her abilities" while providing training and knowledge for all staff", as well as "Her flexibility and clear understanding of the numerous layers in the procurement process are of great value to the organization and ensure the center's compliance with objectives, budget, policies, and regulations."

Barely eighteen months ago, Cliff Johnson moved his wife and two grandchildren from Klamath Falls to become the masonry instructor at TPJCC. They now live in Knappa where his granddaughters attend Hilda Lahti school. Being regular swimmers, Cliff and his wife are participating in community activities to revitalize the Astoria Aquatic Center. Although a golfer,

Cliff has been too busy exploring the area with his family to play recently. Cliff is described as "consistent and thorough an excellent role model for students strong, independent worker." Further, he "demonstrates regularly to students how to be ready for work each day, how to complete specific work related tasks, and how to be employed in an industrial environment." It is noted "When observing Cliff in action, you see a hands-on demonstration at its best, allowing students to learn and work along side of a very skilled instructor".

Cement garden items created by Cliff's students are popular at local non-profits silent auctions.

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In 2007 **Heather Barker**, 21, moved to Astoria from West Virginia, her birthplace, with her high school sweetheart because some of his family lives in Clatsop County. They learned about Job Corps and enrolled at Tongue Point 2 months after they were married. Already a high school graduate, Heather was looking for vocational training and employability skills. In less than 18 months, Heather has completed coursework and work based learning in Finance and Business and is almost complete in Carpentry. She hopes to also have her driver's license by the time she leaves in June.

Heather has contributed to the Tongue Point Job Corps Center community in various leadership positions. She has been a student mentor, she was elected to positions as vice president and president of her dorm as well as being elected to vice president of the student government association. While she has also participated in community service outside TPJCC, she says that her favorite is going to the Astoria Senior Center.

Will Key, 22, was born is Salt Lake City and moved to Portland when he was 6 years old. He enrolled at Tongue Point Job Corps Center in January 2008. He earned both his GED and high school diploma; he expects to complete the Landscaping trade in fall of this year. He then plans to attend Portland Community College in business and engineering. He will work to become bilingual in Spanish. Will's ultimate goal is to run his own landscaping business covering all aspects of landscaping services.

Will has served on the world diversity council and dorm council as well as having been elected vice president of the student government association. He is the current student government president. Recently, Will was part of a group of students who visited congressional offices in DC to share the Job Corps story. The frosting on Will's Job Corps 'cake' is that he met his future wife at Tongue Point, a wedding is planned for June 2010.

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March 25, 2009

Tita Montero
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Dear Tita and Friends:

I write in gratitude for your Challenge Grant of $300 and to report that while totals from our spring pledge drive give us much to be thankful for, they seem to suggest the downturn in our economy is having an effect on many in our community.

We heard from many businesses and individuals that their contributions were being tempered by harder times.

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That's what gives us all such special gratitude for you. Your ability to provide a Challenge Grant helped in two ways. Because as you not only filled the gap in giving, your grant also added incentive for other listeners to call.

Over and over again, people told us they were timing their pledges to correspond with a Challenge Grant. Your special donation in this way made the difference in getting us to our goal.

With thanks to you and to others with generosity like yours, Coast Community Radio continues to prosper. Please accept the gratitude of our community for your help ensuring KMUN, KTCB and KCPB remain strong.

Tom Hartland
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Seamanship was in Nelson's blood

John Edward Nelson loved the sea, just like his father Nelson a father – a seaman, born and raised in Norway – was one of the first pilots to pass a ship through the Panama Canal.

The father passed his tales of the sea down to his son. Nelson loved to hear his father talk about the sea.

Nelson listened carefully and in 1954, at 16 years old he joined the U.S. Merchant Marine. He worked on the Liberty Ships – unarmored World War II cargo ships carrying troops and cargo around the world.

He had three ships shot out from under him," said Patrick Albers, director of the Seamanship Program at Tongue Point. "They were the easiest targets for Japan and Germany.

b. 1928

Nelson also sailed during the Korean and Vietnam wars. He sailed to Europe with Marshall Plan Aid.

After he retired from the Sailors Union of the Pacific, Nelson sailed on tugboats.

Judy Nelson, his daughter-in-law, said Nelson began working on tugs ferrying cargo back and forth from the mouth of the Columbia River to Lewiston, Idaho.

"But that wasn't his love – he loved being at sea," she said.

She said Nelson was always the "encourager."

"He told other guys they could do it," Judy Nelson said. "He said there'd be times when there'd be guys out there who hated it. He told them, 'If you don't love it, find another career.'"

In 1980, Nelson helped his best friend, Capt. Jack Newbold, begin the Seamanship Program at Tongue Point. The program began as a deckhand program for the tug and barge industry.

The first class had eight or 10 students.

They started out with nothing, Albers said. "John told me when they first started they had set chairs and set brooms. They lined up the chairs and practiced our commands."

Judy Nelson said her father-in-law loved turning young men's lives around at Tongue Point. He appreciated that those who made it through the program had a career to look forward to.

Julie Rhoads, an engineer on the program, said Tongue Point is the legacy in Nelson's career.

"The kids just loved him. They respected everything he said because he was so knowledgeable," she said. As it grew, the Seamanship Program acquired a number of vessels. Nelson retired again in 1993.

He spent winters in Spain. He loved to travel and visited 93 countries, [illegible].

[illegible] as because he loved to be pampered. And he used to keep a map of the world with pins in all the places he'd been.

Even though he enjoyed being pampered, Nelson was known for his drive to take care of himself.

He watched his good friend Newbold fight cancer and fight to have the right to die with dignity. He saw Newbold die of bone cancer in 2005.

"(Nelson) was very determined to take care of himself," Judy Nelson said. "He did say, 'When you're out to sea you fend for yourself because nobody's going to take care of you.'"

Rhoads said that even when he was sick with bone cancer – the same that took his friend a life shortly before – he traveled everywhere.

Judy Nelson said her father-in-law would walk along Astoria's Riverwalk every day, and enjoyed talking about the city's long history. He died in February 2008.

"He traveled the world, but the Pacific Northwest was his favorite," she said. "He loved Astoria."

— *Joe Gamen*

The Daily Astorian file

John Nelson looks over a picture of himself and Jack Newbold with the 176-foot freighter the Betsy Ross, in 2005. The photo is shown below.

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Jack Newbold, left, and John Nelson with the Betsy Ross, a ship they obtained for the Tongue Point seamanship program.

SEASIDE
Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Berg
Vocations Program Manager
Tongue Point Job Corps Center
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February 4, 2009

Dear Jennifer,

The Seaside Chamber of Commerce would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your kind gesture in providing support to the recent development of the Seaside Museum Arboretum. Your kind gesture made for a very successful day to enhance a part of our community that many will come to enjoy in the future. Without individuals like Kris and your students, the Seaside Chamber of Commerce and Museum would not be able to provide the kind of experience that we are able to for our visiting and local population. We would like to commend Kris Saulsbury for his excellent work, motivation and example. He had a great balance between teaching, supervising and then coaching the students during the projects. He kept the students working on a long, hard project and set an example by also participating in the labor. Your support will result in many hours of enjoyment in the future for those who visit the arboretum.

Once again we would like to thank you for your generous and professional help. The hard work carried out by your students and staff will help to make many families and individuals very happy.

Sincerely,

A Smiles
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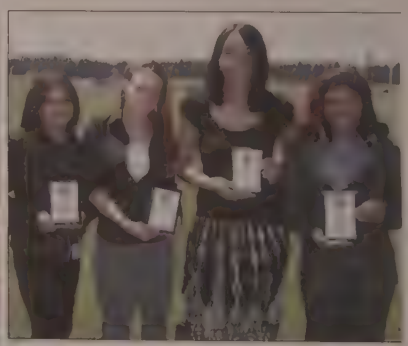

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Liz Mateo Gomez, left, is pictured after a Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families Youth Recognition Awards banquet.

Gomez made you laugh, made you cry

"Liz Mateo Gomez had a way of touching you."

That's what Tara Constantine remembered about the Tongue Point Job Corps student who came to help out with the Safe Kids car clinic last week.

She always had a smile on her face, said Constantine. As North Coast coordinator for Safe Kids, Constantine has worked with many Tongue Point students. She was the one that stood out," she said.

b. 1991

Helping out wherever she was needed, translating between Spanish and English, Gomez was a young woman with a bright future.

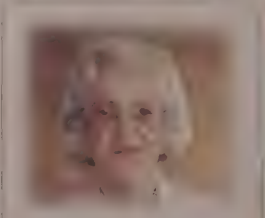
With her roots in Guatemala, Gomez came to Tongue Point from Beaverton. She entered the business and finance program at the center and was a good student. In spite of her youth, she soon became president of her dorm.

She was nice, outgoing, fun to be around," remembered Charles Arsenyuk, a fellow student at the center. "She made you laugh, she made you cry," he said.

Gomez received a Youth Recognition Award from the Clatsop County Commission on Children and Families for overcoming the personal challenges in her life and continuing to strive for a positive future.

Liz Mateo Gomez died in January 2008. She was a passenger in a car which was in a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 26 on her way back to Tongue Point. She was 17.

— *Julie Mathes*



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October 23, 2009

Brian Daher, Regional Director
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Dear Brian,

On behalf of the Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, I would like to express our gratitude to the Tongue Point Job Corps Center (TPJCC), under the direction of Kim Shillinger, for assistance with the deployment of a wave monitoring buoy at the mouth of the Columbia River.

Through contacts with the Columbia River Bar Pilots Association, Captain Patrick Albers, Director, TPJCC Seamanship Training Program, offered to deploy this wave buoy using the training vessel *Ironwood*. Every Thursday, training is conducted on *Ironwood* in the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean, giving the trainees real life experience aboard a working vessel.

Under the capable and skilled leadership of Captain Albers, the buoy was successfully and safely deployed on September 23, 2009. We would like to express our appreciation to all of the seamanship students and especially instructors aboard the *Ironwood*: Gunnar Allen, Thomas Karczewski, Darryl Mc Knight, Tim Pugh, and Gordon Treber.

CDIP is a joint program funded by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the California Department of Boating and Waterways. Our instruments report wave height, wave period, wave direction, and sea surface temperature. The information is collected, analyzed and disseminated in near real time to interested agencies and to the public via the National Data Buoy Center, the National Weather Service and the World Wide Web at http://cdip.ucsd.edu.
Sincerely,

Brett Pickering
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February 17, 2009

Tongue Point Job Corps
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Dear Ms. Montero:

We would like to thank you for donating the two cement statues, a planter box and a gift certificate for the Bistro for the silent auction held at the Iron Chef Goes Coastal event. We understand you value the amount of your donation at $165.00. The silent auction was a big success and raised a lot of money for United Way of Clatsop County.

United Way of Clatsop County is all local! Our board of directors is comprised of local individuals who volunteer their time to better our community. Through our Cornerstone program all of our administrative and campaign costs are paid for by Corporate and Business donors, this enables all individual contributions to go directly to our partner agencies. Donations such as yours increase the good that United Way can do in our community.

Once again we thank you for your support. Please keep this letter for tax purposes as proof of your donation.

Sincerely,

Darlene Felkins
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Tongue Point Job Corps
Re: Planting Arboretum

Dear Tongue Point Job Corps,

On behalf of the Seaside Museum and Historical Society, a 501-c-3 non-profit organization, we want to acknowledge and Thank You so much for your great participation in putting together the planting of our new Arboretum.

The trees are so beautiful and make the yard around the Museum so lovely. This is a huge improvement to our appearance.

Your generosity towards the Society is deeply appreciated and "thank you" hardly seems sufficient. You are truly a good friend of the Seaside Museum and Historical Society and your continued support is our greatest gift.

Meriel Cline,
Office Manager
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Thursday, April 09, 2009

Job Corps student's imagination takes roost on river piling

Codi Cherry's pelican sculpture welds a lasting memory in Astona

By DEEDA SCHROEDER
The Daily Astorian

He's tall, lean, and strikingly handsome - and his nickname is "Harvey."

He's a new feathered resident that has found a roosting spot on top of an old wooden piling in the river, right in front of the Cannery Pier Hotel.

But Harvey won't be going south for the winter, because he's actually a steel sculpture of a pelican made by former Tongue Point Job Corps student Codi Cherry.

Cherry, 21, spent just over two years at Tongue Point, and while she spent most of those years learning welding, she initially came to the Job Corps residential school to study carpentry. She was good at working with wood, but soon moved on to welding. Working with metal best suited her natural skill set, said welding instructor David Curl, Cherry's teacher during her stay in Astoria.

"She really excelled in her welding training while she was here. And she ended up being quite talented artistically," Curl said. Cherry worked on her pelican sculpture for about two weeks and was the one to give the bird its humorous nickname.

Cherry worked with welders and cutting torches to manipulate the plate steel into the 3-foot tall likeness of *the long-billed bird. She chose the piling in front of the* Cannery Pier Hotel for the bird to land on permanently. As the tide rises and falls, the bird could be partly submerged at times, Curl said. The colors will gently mellow to a natural patina, and will soon look as though it's been there for years, Curl said. Cherry used a grinder to rough up the surface of the metal and applied a flame torch to give the steel its coloring. Blues, purples and golds were created by quickly cooling the surface, which sets the intense colors.

The Daily Astorian ALEX PAJUNAS —
From left, Tongue Point Job Corps' seamanship students Nate Cunningham and Klay Strand along with welding student Patrick Moser, hood up, helpSeamanship Instructor Tom Karozewski and Welding Instructor David Curl install a steel pelican sculpture on a piling Wednesday in front of the Cannery Pier Hotel. The pelican, nicknamed "Harvey," was made by former Tongue Point student Codi Cherry

"She used lots of imagination and it didn't take her long once she designed it," he said. Curl recalled showing Cherry how to fabricate roses out of iron, and before long she showed up with full bouquet she'd made.

Cherry recently finished her education at Tongue Point, and is in Albuquerque, N.M., to get advanced pipeline welding training. Curl said there's a good chance someone with her aptitude will be snapped up quickly as soon as she's done.

"If she does well, she'll have a good paying job and I have no doubt that she will, she's an excellent student," Curl said.

Brett Estes, Astoria's community development director, said he's happy to see students from the Job Corps Center contributing to the look and feel of the area.

"It's wonderful for students to be able to contribute to the fabric of the community. It's a win-win for everyone," he said.

While Estes was disappointed that Cherry wasn't able to see her artwork installed, he said it was great to see other Tongue Point students installing it.

Students and teachers from Tongue Point's seamanship program used the occasion to practice maneuvering from their training vessel Columbia. A smaller daughter vessel was released from the Columbia, and Curl and a welding student helped fix the bird into position.

The sculpture was fastened to a steel base plate that had four brackets that fit over the top of the piling. Six large lag bolts were drilled into the holes in the brackets, which should hold the metal bird firmly in place for many years to come, Curl said.

Submitted photo
Codi Cherry poses with the pelican she welded at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center

We had to make it sound enough to withstand a blow from any floating debris that might come down river on an extreme high tide," he added. The piling itself could be very old, but was very solid because of the preservative nature of the sea-water in the estuary, Curl said.

"When I drove those bolts in, that piling was just as solid as the day they were driven," he said.

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Power lines and trees can be friends

Pacific Power grant sparks Seaside to plant 'utility friendly' trees at arboretum

By NANCY MCCARTHY
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE - If there's one thing that the new Clatsop County Arboretum is trying to prove, it's this. Trees and overhead power lines can be compatible.

Many North Coast residents who experience power outages with every storm that blows in may find that difficult to believe. But, say those who are planning the arboretum's dedication at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, the proof is in the planting.

"That was one of the things we wanted to show people: what it would look like to have a 'utility friendly' tree that is planted underneath utility lines. So some of them are planted directly under intentionally," said Sheila Holden, regional community manager for Pacific Power.

ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian
Jeanne Clark, the event coordinator for the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, stands among 11 of the trees planted in the new Clatsop County Arboretum on the grounds of the Seaside Museum and Historical Society. The idea for the arboretum and grant to build it came from Pacific Power, who wanted to provide examples of trees that could flourish without threatening power lines during winter storms.

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The "golden desert" ash, with its distinct yellow trunk, grows to a height of 25 feet, posing little threat to power lines looming nearby.

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Besides providing a quiet space to relax or to take a picnic lunch, the arboretum adjacent to the Seaside Historical Museum, 570 Necanicum Drive, will also become a demonstration project. All of the trees planted there are recommended by Pacific Power for planting in yards where power lines are nearby. While no one suggests that any tree be planted under a power line, the arboretum is trying to show that, because the trees probably won't grow as tall as the lines, they aren't likely to knock the lines down in a windstorm.

The trees also were chosen for their ability to withstand salt spray and wind, said Kristin Ramstad, community assistance forester in the Oregon Department of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Program. The program works with cities to determine what trees work best in each location.

"Our program has had a long familiarity with power line issues inside of cities, and we've worked with PGE, Pacific Power and some of the smaller power companies throughout Oregon about issues with trees near power lines," Ramstad said.

The forestry program and Pacific Power have established other arboretums in Corvallis and Albany. The Clatsop County arboretum in Seaside came about after the power company issued a request for proposals from cities in the county that might want to host an arboretum, Holden said. The city of Seaside, Seaside Chamber of Commerce, the city's tree committee and the history museum joined together to apply for Pacific Power's $5,000 grant.

"After the great storm of 2007, everyone in the Clatsop community and around the North Coast experienced such an extreme loss of trees, and we experienced such an extreme loss of power because of the trees," Holden recalled. "We thought, as people were getting ready to replace their trees, it would be good to promote the idea of finding native trees or trees that were utility friendly. They would be less likely to create a problem after the next storm."

The arboretum also will show what the trees look like and demonstrate that "people can find the beauty that they're looking for and the diversity of foliage that they want," Holden added. There were other considerations, too, when selecting the trees, Ramstad noted.

"The challenge with this project was to figure out what trees could possibly survive coastal conditions - the wind and the salt - as well as to be short in stature enough to not blow into power lines," she said. She consulted local arborists and landscapers to figure out what trees to plant from the list supplied by Pacific Power. Among those landscapers was Pam Fleming, Seaside's city gardener and owner of Nature's Helper Inc. Fleming already had experience working with the forestry department and Pacific Power in selecting trees for Seaside, and she had done some projects with Nehalem arborist Joe Balden, who also helped with the arboretum.

Besides the size of the trees, Fleming had additional criteria for the trees being selected. "Because it's an arboretum, I wanted the trees to have interest constantly, either the form of the tree, or the leaf color or leaf texture or the bloom. Not all of them bloom - some of them are weeping types. That was what I was looking for, just something constantly happening," Fleming said.

The field adjacent to the museum was selected because power lines run across the north edge of it and because there's enough room for 11 trees along the periphery. The center of the space is used for outdoor events, including the museum's ice cream social, so no trees will be planted there.

Museum board member Ken Ward said the board was "absolutely ecstatic" about the arboretum.

"We've been trying to do something like that in our own way with no money and a lot of help from people. We have a new parking lot, and the trees will be a great addition," Ward said.

Once the 11 trees were selected, landscape students from the Tongue Point Job Corps spent a day planting them, with volunteer help from Ben Olson, of Clean Sweep, who dug the holes.

The trees included in the arboretum are a Japanese Hornbeam, three Dwarf Hinoki cypresses, 'Jack' pear, Adirondack crabapple, Golden Desert ash, 'Pink Chimes' Japanese Snowbell, Weeping Katsura, 'Snow Goose' Japanese cherry and Tall Stewarta.

The effort is a community project , said Jeanne Clark, events coordinator at the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, and so will be the dedication, which, appropriately, is planned during Arbor Week. Activities include the reading of a poem about trees, a performance by the Seaside High School jazz choir, comments by Pacific Power President Pat Reiten and the unveiling of the trees by students from Suzanna Kruger's seventh-grade science class from Broadway Middle School.

Although the newly planted arboretum looks somewhat sparse, Clark already envisions what it will be in the future.

"It's going to be just lovely," she said. "There will be a path created around the plants, and there will be benches. It will be a lovely place to sit. I'll probably come to feed the birds."

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Friday, March 20, 2009

Letter: Kudos to Corps

Congratulations to John Cader, certified landscape technician, of the Tongue Point Job Corps.

I have just finished reading the article announcing his passing the rigorous CLT examination and field test ("Tongue Point student landscapes a design for his growing career," The Daily Astorian, March 6). Being a CLT says you have met the high standards set by the Professional Landscape Network, PLANET.

Kris Saulsbury, landscape instructor at the Tongue Point campus, is dedicated to excellence. I know this first hand. During late 2007, one of Saulsbury's students was able to intern with me at my landscape company.

During the three months he spent with me, he showed me he had the experience and training to perform the standard tasks on a landscape job. We performed maintenance on existing landscapes, attended to warranty issues and installed the landscape at The Red Building.

I support what the landscape program at the Job Corps is doing, and encourage the community to do the same. They are doing great things there.

Larry Thomas
Astoria

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Astoria Senior Center hosts open house

Everyone is welcome to drop by the annual open house for the Astoria Senior Center Friday.

The event will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and will be catered by Tongue Point Job Corps students. The senior center is located at 1111 Exchange St.

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Saturday egg hunt set

The Astoria Easter Egg Hunt will be held at noon Saturday at Tapiola Park for children 11 years old and younger.

The activity begins at 11 a.m. with entertainment for the children. There will be music, fire trucks and more. All of the activities and the hunt are free; however, hot dogs and soda will be available for a donation.

The egg hunt begins at noon with a blast of the siren from the Astoria Fire Department's fire engine. Special areas of the park will be roped off for five divisions: ages 0 to 2, ages 3 to 5, ages 6 to 8, ages 9 to 11 and those with special needs. Children should bring their own basket or bags. Astoria and Warrenton merchants have also donated small prizes for the egg hunt.

Astoria Middle School students color more than 5,000 eggs, and area organizations, including Tongue Point Job Corps and 4-H clubs, have volunteered to make the event memorable for the children. The Easter Bunny and Fred the Bear will be the main celebrities at the event.

The event is sponsored by Fred Meyer, Van Dusen Beverages, New NW Broadcasters, Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce and the city of Astoria Parks and Community Services Department.

Parking will be available around the park and at Astoria High School.

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4/14/2009 10:45:00 AM

Oyster tour is on the table

Students take learning into the field at Goose Point Oysters

By DEEDA SCHROEDER
The Daily Astorian

BAY CENTER, Wash. - For Katrina Gauthier and Brittany Olsen, sophomores at Astoria High School, downing raw oysters doused in cocktail sauce was no big deal. Sure, it was Olsen's first time ingesting the raw, jumbo shellfish. But she was still cool as a cucumber. "It was good," Olsen said, smiling after the oyster had made its way securely into her gullet.

Josh Wareham, a sophomore at Astoria High School, didn't quite have the same opinion. "It was dank," he said, after the plump gray oyster slid down his throat. But maybe that was a compliment. "It was my first time. It was really good, really excellent," Wareham said next.

For five Astoria High School and nine Tongue Point Job Corps Center students last week, a half-day field trip to Bay Center, Wash., to visit Goose Point Oysters ended with oyster shooters all around. Their chef instructors, Eric Jenkins of the Duncan Law Seafood Consumer Center and John Newman of Newman's at 988, a Cannon Beach restaurant, organized the tour as part of the schools' curriculums.

DEEDA SCHROEDER — The Daily Astorian
Kathleen Nisbet, front, demonstrates how to open Goose Point Oysters' Fresher Under Pressure oysters as students looked on and ate the raw contents. The shellfish are treated with high pressure, shucking them in their shell while maintaining the seal, moisture and flavor.

Submitted photo
Tim Hill and crew from J&H Boatworks, Warrenton. Tim on far right, Dave Nisbet standing next to him.

Kathleen Nisbet is the human resources and payroll manager for the company. First Nisbet asked the group a basic question to gauge their bivalve knowledge.

"Does anyone know anything about oysters?" she asked the small crowd gathered outside next to a large rectangular white plastic seed tank. After a moment of silence in response, she continued. "Well, then we'll start at the beginning," she said.

Nisbet is the 23-year-old daughter of David and Maureene Nisbet, who started the company in 1975 with just 10 acres of tidelands. Now the company owns 500 acres and employs 45 full-time employees. She's slowly learning the ropes, and has worked in the oyster beds herself. She explained just how oysters come into being.

"Tiny oyster seeds look like baby grains of sand," she said. Three million of those seeds are added to "mother" shells, or shells from long-since eaten oysters, where they're treated to a warm water bath and a diet of tasty algae. For up to three days, the growth continues, until they're ready to move out to their new home in the Willapa Bay.

"How many oysters attach to one shell?" asked instructor Jenkins. Nisbet explained to the group of students that about seven or eight would grow from each original host shell.

"Where do you get the seeds?" asked Newman. A company in Tillamook spawns them, she said.

"We do mostly bottom culture, where they grow in the mud," Nisbet explained. The tidelands are staked out to mark the individual beds, with ribbons to show whose beds belong to whom when the water covers the surface. But when the tide goes out, Nisbet said the beds form a pattern she still likes looking at. "It looks like a patchwork quilt," she said.

It takes three years to grow a large-sized oyster, and the mollusks must be planted every year to keep up with the harvest cycle, Nisbet said. Many of the largest specimens are exported to Asian countries like China and Japan.

She praised the pristine water of the bay, reputed to be among the cleanest in the world. Gills filter the oyster's food - plankton - from the water. The cleaner and fresher the water, the better the oyster tastes, Nisbet said. Because the bivalves go through 50 gallons of sea water a day, keeping that water clean is a big priority for the company, she added. "We protect the water and make sure there's nothing going into it. The oysters literally are the water they grow up in," Nisbet said.

The group went inside to look at the giant hopper where steel tubs of harvested oysters are dumped to be shucked. It looks like a bus-sized feeding trough, holding 1,200 bushels each time - for a whopping 60,000 total pounds. Workers sit at the bottom of the tapered feeder, practicing their shucking dexterity for eight hours a day, four to five days a week. Nisbet said the shucking crew members are paid by the pound to encourage speed and accuracy. "These guys are fast, and they make real good money doing what they do," Nisbet said.

The Tongue Point Culinary students will review what they learned in class, Newman said, exploring how their experience fits with their textbook material. Newman works full-time at the Job Corps Center while maintaining his chef position at his restaurant, an arrangement that makes for some long days, he said.

"I have a day and a night job," Newman said. Standard days can start at 6:30 a.m. at his Cannon Beach professional kitchen, and after his eight hour day at Tongue Point, he ends up back there again at the end of nightly dinner service.

Jenkins teaches the high school students basic seafood culinary classes, from knife skills to gear needed for fishing, in a class he calls, "From Ocean to Plate." The high school group also does an individual job-shadow with a chef toward the end of the year, and each student chooses a particular local fish to study at length.

It's all building up to the Seafood Graduation Dinner, when the class will prepare and cook a meal for the 80-person Astoria High School staff. Until then, they'll polish recipes, work on technique, and have another field trip to Bornstein Seafood. Jenkins will help each student select a recipe they'll prepare for the event - one that's challenging enough without snuffing out the students' aspirations.

On the menu will be Josh Wareham's Oysters au Gratin, a recipe he's hopefully perfected thanks to Jenkins' help and the visit to Goose Point Oyster's operation.

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In One Ear

Welding class is taking it to the streets

DEBBIE LAKE wrote in for the ASTORIA ELKS LODGE that DAVID CURL'S TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER WELDING CLASS was looking for some "hands on" experience. "The sagging steel cover to the old freight elevator located in the sidewalk outside the Astoria Elks building was just what instructor Curl was looking for," Lake said.

"The class set up shop on the sidewalk, placing screens to protect the public. The class shored up and leveled the steel cover and welded it in place. The Astoria Elks would like to thank the TPJCC class for a job well done!"

Pictured above, from left, SAIGE CONNOLLY, DAVID CURL, GALEN BALLASY, BRYCE NELSON, SASHA PITZ and CODI CHERRY. Not pictured, on fire watch in the basement, ROYAL BEELER.

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Lighthouse for Kids to sell clam chowder at Crab Fest

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, and the Lighthouse for Kids will be debuting as a nonprofit vendor at the Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival to be held Friday through Sunday at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. All proceeds will benefit The Lighthouse for Kids, also known as the Clatsop County Child Abuse Assessment Center.

Using a recipe from Newman's at 988, a Cannon Beach restaurant, the culinary arts students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center are preparing gallons of clam chowder that will be sold at The Lighthouse's festival booth. "This partnership with Tongue Point allows The Lighthouse for Kids to increase community recognition," said Peter Hackett, board chairman. "And the clam chowder will be delicious!"

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Galley cook is new Job Corps ingredient

Tongue Point adds new certification to curriculum

By DEEDA SCHROEDER
The Daily Astorian

ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian
Kyle Ruiz, right, 18, from Kauai, Hawaii, chops up garlic to add to the meal of shrimp with rice pilaf being cooked on the stove top by Kaulunahenahe Samson, 21, of Makaha, Hawaii, Friday at Tongue Point Job Corps. The two seamanship students are part of t he first class of 13 students to pursue a galley cook training certificate.

How many ways can you cook shrimp?

Last week, students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center took out sauté pans, cutting boards, sharp chef's knives and their appetites, trying to get to the bottom of that question

The Daily Astorian ALEX PAJUNAS —
Ashley Morrow, 21, of Bellingham, Wash., will be the first student to receive g having already completed the culinary program at Tongue Point Job Corps.

One of them, 21-year-old Ashley Morrow, sautéed big, two-inch long prawns in olive oil, garlic and a sprinkle of salt and pepper, just until the outside turned pink She put the curled-up crustacean on top of a tangle of pasta and finished it with a few flecks of *chopped parsley. The shrimp* was tender and juicy - perfectly cooked

Instructor Darryl McKnight looked on as the rest of the class practiced what they'd learned that day

"It's important to learn how not to overcook shrimp, and how to cook them with different flavors," he said

On this day, the first ever galley cook class at Tongue Point was experimenting at dredging the shrimp in store-bought blackening seasoning, and then comparing the flavors when they mixed the spices and herbs together themselves. One of the most important things McKnight said they'll learn is how to cook basic proteins - especially fish - and make them into hundreds of different meal combinations

Students at the Job Corps Center can now add a galley cook certification to basic seamanship training, and culinary students can learn how to take their kitchen skills out to sea. It's the only program of its kind in all of Job Corps, said Center Director Kim Shillinger

"Having cooking training is very helpful, especially if that job isn't full-time on board a ship We decided, let's get more kids in the program and it will open up even more jobs for them," Shillinger said

Tongue Point has been slowing increasing the number of students it admits over the last few months, largely because of the popularity of the program, said Tita Montero, business and community liaison at Tongue Point Enrollment has increased about 25 students to 525, and nine full-time jobs have been added as a result, Montero said

"In this economic climate, we think it's a boon to the economy," Shillinger said

McKnight was one of the new hires, and he now teaches students about how to cook for working crews onboard any type of sea-going vessel. It's a job McKnight did for 15 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, reaching the rank of Senior Chief when he retired from service

Although teaching isn't new to Mc-Knight, he's not used to doing it full-time. "I've taught smaller classes before in the Coast Guard, but that was teaching cooks on a ship," McKnight said. At Tongue Point, students learn in a roomy commercial kitchen dubbed the "Underway Cafe," and apply what they've learned on weekly trips on board one of Job Corps' vessels stationed at Tongue Point

The program lasts 10 weeks, McKnight said, and covers kitchen basics from maintaining galley equipment to multiplying recipes for big batches But the lion's share of the time is spent covering the specific skills galley cooks need to prepare four meals a day for hungry working crews - regardless of weather or how little food might be left in the pantry

Stormy conditions can pose particular obstacles to a galley cook that a bricks-and-mortar chef might not be familiar with, said Patrick Albers, captain in charge of the Seamanship Program at Tongue Point "It's a lot different than cooking in a restaurant The food is chasing you rather than you chasing it," Albers said

Student Cori Wahlberg described how treacherous cooking in rough seas can be. "You've got pots of boiling water, rocking back and forth. You've got to watch what you're doing If the deep fryer spills, it's 350 degrees. It's definitely dangerous," Wahlberg, 21, said

McKnight said 15 students will take the class each term, including summers He said he was happy to move to Astoria from Alameda, Calif., to take the position

"It's a fantastic program The students know there's a niche that needs to be filled," McKnight said

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Garden grows working gift

"Karen Kenyon was thrilled to win the 2009 A Day's Work Done Raffle prize during this year's Spring into Gardening held by the Clatsop County Master Gardeners," Jane Donnelly wrote to the Ear. "The work was donated by the Tongue Point Job Corps Landscape program and includes the work of 20 students and their instructor for 8 hours "

Pictured above, from left, Donnelly, who is a master gardener, "relieved husband" Ralph Wirfs, Karen Kenyon, Landscape Instructor Kris Saulsbury and Tongue Point students Andre Terwilleger and John Cader

"It's the best gift a 70-year-old gardener could get," Kenyon said

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Girl Power reigns in a big way during empowerment summit

Submitted photo
The Second Clatsop Girls United Summit participants gather at the Columbia River Maritime Museum for a parade through downtown Astoria.

The second Clatsop Girls United Summit, made possible by a Northwest Regional Educational Service District-Generating Assistance for Public Schools grant, was held May 21 The summit, created to build leadership skills, education awareness and self confidence in girls who are in grades 5-8, was held at Clatsop Community College and the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station Participants had an opportunity to experience many activities including chemistry, fencing, pottery, welding, creative writing, maritime science and firefighting Career information was offered in the fields of veterinary medicine, banking, business, baker, forensics, health, beauty, criminal justice and art.

More than 100 participated in this event, with girls coming from Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton and Knappa After gathering at CCC in the morning, they attended sessions on the main campus and at the Performing Arts Center. They were bused to MERTS for lunch, prepared by the Tongue Point Culinary Department, and ate on the lawn listening to music by Jill Trenholm, and experienced a U.S Coast Guard helicopter "fly over."

During the afternoon they painted tote bags, made "Girl Power buttons" and posters and placards for the parade, played games and attended sessions held at MERTS.

At the end of the day, the girls were bused to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, then walked in a parade through downtown Astoria carrying banners and chanting, "girls united can never be divided "

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CERT volunteers complete training

Submitted photo
Community Emergency Response Team class members participate in a hands-on disaster simulation at Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Astoria Fire and Rescue has announced the completion of a third nine-week Community Emergency Response Team training for citizens in Astoria and surrounding areas The role of a CERT volunteer is to help others until trained emergency personnel arrive

During the course, citizens received training on disaster preparedness, terrorism, fire safety, search and rescue, disaster medical operations and CERT organization and disaster psychology On May 9, CERT members participated in a hands-on disaster simulation at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, where TPJCC students played victims during the disaster simulation

Citizens who completed the CERT training and the disaster simulation were Jon Lingel, Jack Mills, John Howe, Katrina Morrell, Simon Mathers, Doug Harrod, Pixie Merrell, Hans Mulder, Anne Odom, Aaron Gasser, Kris Saulsbury, Jon Tierney, Diane Tierney, Will Brooks, Susan Brooks, Jane Tucker, Allan McMakin, Jolene Gann and Brenda Karr

For questions about CERT training, or to sign up for the next CERT training, call (503) 325-2345

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Seaside playground swings together

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Many workers showed up at the "Build a Playground" Day Saturday. Seaside Rotarians focused mostly on this 2- to 5-year-old playground, which includes slides and swings. The park will be used often by the nearby Head Start center.

Friends and neighbors, city leaders and strangers help build four playgrounds for kids

By NANCY McCARTHY
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — They came, and they built it.

Actually, more than 110 volunteers came to Broadway Park Saturday and built four playgrounds for kids ages 2 through 12.

They grappled with diagrams, sorted out nuts, bolts and washers, pieced together parts with names like "gizmo panel" and "bubble panel", searched for missing equipment, and worked in teams to construct wave slides, tunnels and swing sets.

"I was up at 6:30 this morning," said Brian Mihalek, of Seaside. "I couldn't wait to get here."

"This town has really been good to my kids, and I want to give something back," added Mihalek, who has two children.

With perfect weather and lots of perseverance, the playgrounds gradually came together.

"The turnout and support are exciting," said Mayor Don Larson. "But the instructions are horrendous, the parts lists are unbelievable."

Despite some frustration, however, every group worked diligently until the equipment was put together. They were divided into red, blue, green and yellow teams, depending on the playground they worked on.

Joyce Jensen and Mindy Cosart from Clatsop Community Bank struggled to apply screws to a crawl tube.

"I've done lots of volunteer work," Cosart said.

"Nothing like this," Jensen added.

Cosart wanted to help out because she has grandchildren who will play on the equipment she helped to build.

"I don't," said Jensen. "I'll play on it."

Total strangers worked side by side from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on one goal: to provide a little fun for kids. Ryley and Wyatt Gallinger, from Forest Grove, who were visiting their dad, turned out to work on slides and jungle gyms along with Seaside residents they had never met. Students from the Tongue Point Job Corps and Seaside city officials teamed up to erect a large swing set.

Like many of the volunteers who were also parents, Chris Quackenbush, of Seaside, wanted to help out because his 3-year-old son often visits Broadway Park.

"I wanted something for him to play on," said Quackenbush. "What a great day for it, too. It's a blast!"

Meanwhile, Seaside Police Chief Bob Gross, Seaside School District Superintendent Doug Dougherty and City Councilor Tim Tolan spent time putting a two-person slide into place in the 2- to 5-year-old playground. The playground was sponsored by the Seaside Rotary Club, which raised $27,000 toward it.

Other funding for the $100,0000 in playground equipment came from a $50,000 Oregon Youth Legacy Grant, the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, which contributed $10,000, the Seaside Kiwanis Club, and other small grants and price breaks from the equipment's manufacturer.

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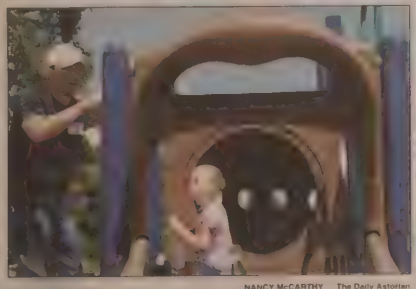

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Briana Boyd, 6, helps out on the crawl tunnel while Matt Koehler, landscape architect and project manager for Broadway Park, adjusts a support. Koehler works for the CMc&S firm, which has designed the park's master plan. The plan includes four playgrounds for children ages 2 through 12.

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Mary Blake, left, director of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, spreads sunscreen on the arms of Joyce Jensen, a volunteer with Clatsop Community Bank, during "Build a Playground Day" at Broadway Park. More than 110 volunteers built four playgrounds in one day.

Seaside: Many people helped lift the swing set into place

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The playground was designed by SiteLines Park and Playground Products in Portland. Members of the Oregon Recreation and Park Association's construction and maintenance crews, who have experience working with the complicated instructions, assisted the volunteers.

Few problems occurred, said Seaside public works Director Neal Wallace, who organized the event.

"The only real problem we had today was with the big swing set," he said, noting that volunteers had problems attaching the parts when the frame was standing up, so they had to rest it on the ground to work on it.

When it came time to heave the heavy structure it into place, many helped lift it.

"We have lots of brawn here today," Wallace said.

Some pieces went together easier than others, however. Once in awhile volunteers realized they had missed a nut or a bolt, or that a critical part was missing.

"You don't have to be a mechanical engineer or a trades person to do this," said Ken Kutska, a member of the construction and maintenance crew and an instructor for the National Playground Safety Institute.

It's like putting toys together for your kids at Christmas. You just need to read the directions.

"But," he added, "it's harder than you think. It's like reading a new language."

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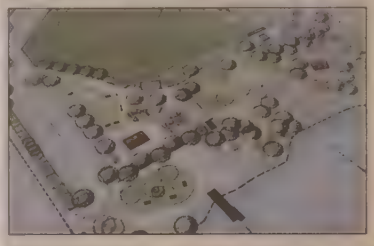
Seaside City Manager Mark Winstanley assists in putting together a play structure in one of Broadway Park's 2- to 5-year-old playgrounds. Several city officials, as well as council members and the mayor, were among more than 110 volunteers who turned out for "Build a Playground Day" Saturday.



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The play structure undergoes construction by several volunteers at Broadway Park on Saturday. A slide in front of the structure awaits installation. Two of the playgrounds are for 2- to 5-year-olds, another is a swing set for older children and a fourth playground will be suitable for 5- to 12-year-olds.

RIGHT: Broadway Park's master plan shows four playgrounds that were built on Saturday by community volunteers. In addition to the playgrounds, the master plan [illegible] ball fields and a new parking lot. Much of the park's redevelopment is being paid for by grants and [illegible]

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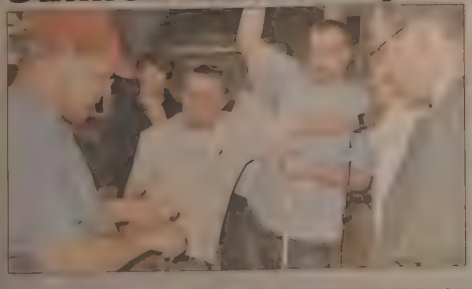
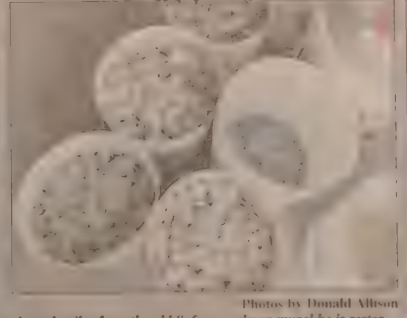
Salmon mural help





Photos by Donald Allison

(Above) Michael Hinton shows Tongue Point Job Corps Center workers how to clean the tiles from the old Safeway salmon mural he is restoring for placement at Goodman Park. The workers and teacher Jarom Bowles (far right) are volunteering their time for the project. (Above left) The tiles were brought in buckets to Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria by Hinton last Friday..

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AVA points the way with 'Art From The Point'

The staff and students at the Tongue Point Job Corps [illegible] operation with the Astoria Visual [illegible] Association [illegible] show June 5 [illegible] 29 with an artists reception from 5 to 9 p.m. [illegible]day June 13, in conjunction with Arts Night Out in [illegible]. The reception will include musical performances on the ukulele by Ken Joshua and Dantie Anjain accompanied on the guitar by Saige Connelly.

Tongue Point is a residential facility that offers employment training opportunities to young adults ages 16 to 24. The students come from diverse ethnicities and backgrounds. Many of the students are talented artists and look forward to the opportunity to display their work in a [illegible] gallery.

The staff at Tongue Point are passionate about their [illegible] the center and many of them are talented artists as well. To get to the point "Art From The Point" promises to be a visually exciting event for all to see and enjoy.

Astoria Visual Arts Center is located at 453A 11th St. For more information, call (503) 325-4589 or log on to www.astoriaarts.com.

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Arts Night Out in Astoria

With Tongue Point Job Corps Center

5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 13

Astoria Visual Arts Gallery
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Mural unveils hidden craftmanship from bygone era

Tilesetter revisits father's artwork found in a Tongue Point building basement

By DEEDA SCHROEDER and NANCY McCARTHY
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Mario Ferrerin observes the glass mosaic Thursday in the basement of Tongue Point Job Corps Residence Hall 3 that his father, Pete, made in the 1940s. The three rounded panels of the mural are protected behind plexiglass windows in the former officers' club.

There is a secret treasure lying hidden beneath ground level under a Tongue Point dormitory.

Wander into the basement of the dorm that was once called "the castle" and you'll find a remnant of a bygone era - a series of dusty but elegant chamber-like rooms that used to be an officer's club. And while the blond wood of the long bar and all its fixtures remain intact, it's not the former watering hole that's so special.

Instead, it's a glass mosaic that graces the wall behind the bar, made of many pieces of brilliant, colored pieces of glass of varying textures. Sailors ride whimsical seahorses, mermaids stare longingly into the depths of the ocean and a steamship bellows gray smoke into the steely colored sky.

Mario Ferrarin gazed up at the underwater scene covering the far stretch of the abandoned bar on Thursday. As the lights went on, flooding the space with murky light, he was struck by the sight. "Oh for crying out loud," he said wistfully.

His father, Pete Ferrarin, came to Tongue Point from Portland in the 1940s when Mario was just a kid to assemble the three-panel piece of artwork. It was different era, and the building was used as bachelor officers' quarters on the bustling Tongue Point Naval Air Station. Now 82, Mario Ferrarin came to look at the wall to see if his memory's eye matched reality.

Tita Montero, Tongue Point's business and community liaison, led Mario Ferrarin and his wife, Jean Ferrarin, and saw the installation for the first time herself. "This is just gorgeous," Montero said as she looked up, seeing a second mermaid after looking for a full 10 minutes. "You see something new every time you look at this," said Mike Hinton.

Hinton, a Seaside resident and remodeler by trade, recently contacted Ferrarin, who, like his father, was a tile setter. While Mario Ferrarin's father learned about mosaics and setting tile in his homeland of Italy early in the 20th century, Ferrarin learned his trade at Roedel Tile Co. in Portland. Ferrarin was there for 42 years before retiring in 1989. His father had retired from Roedel long before him.

But Ferrarin didn't travel from his Tigard home to the North Coast only to see his father's mural at Tongue Point. He came to see a work of his own, a mosaic of a giant salmon being caught by a small boat that Hinton is restoring.

Ferrarin was one of six tile setters who worked on the mural that decorated an exterior wall of the old Safeway store that once stood on Holladay Drive. When the building was torn down seven years ago, Hinton rescued the mosaic in pieces and stored the tiles until he found another place where they could be displayed.

When Seaside Public Works Director Neal Wallace suggested the exterior wall of the Goodman Park restroom, Hinton began the restoration process. In the meantime, he researched the history of the mosaic, which was installed on the Safeway building in 1961

That's when he discovered that Roedel Tile installed the mosaic and Mario Ferrarin was one of the last living tile setters who worked on it.

Designed by commercial artist Richard Kennedy for $250, the artwork for the mosaic was pre-manufactured in 1-foot by 2-foot sections by a tile company formerly named American Olean. Roedel had the contract to install the work.

Installing the mural was pretty easy, Ferrarin said.

"It was shipped to us in cardboard boxes and we had a diagram to go by," he said.

"The boxes were all numbered according to the diagram. We started at the bottom and would go across right to left, and then begin the next row.

"When we had it all done, we thought what a great thing it was. We had never worked on anything like this."

As he looked at the individual tiles that Hinton has set out on tables in Seaside's old library building - about 33,000 in all, Ferrarin shook his head.

"This is much harder. I couldn't believe this. All we had were numbered sheets and away we went.

"I think he's doing a fantastic job," Ferrarin added. "I can't imagine the hours he's spent on setting and cleaning the tile."

For a while, Hinton and Ferrarin worked side by side, piecing together individual tiles on the 48-year-old mosaic. It's scheduled to go up on the wall in late August.

Hinton said he learned a few things from his short visit with Ferrarin. "He's becoming like a father figure as far as tile-laying goes," Hinton said.

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Wheel of a car wash deal

A fundraiser car wash will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m in the Care Center parking lot, located at 646 16th St "When residents at CLATSOP CARE CENTER heard the Center's AUXILIARY was sponsoring a CAR WASH they couldn't wait to pitch in," said MANDY BRENCHLEY, volunteer director at the Center

"ALLISON SANSOM, administrator, happily offered her car for the residents to practice on and they promptly went to work." Pictured, getting their scrub-a-dub mojo on, from left, LARRY DAVENPORT, AILEEN JENSON, LUELLA PETRO and NORMA GILLINGHAM

"Residents will be joined by a large group of volunteers, including students from TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS, for the actual event," said Brenchley Barbecued hot dogs, chips and sodas will also be for sale, and 100 percent of funds raised or donated will be used for a good cause - to support resident interests and activities

Future is bright for Tongue Point Job Corps graduates

by Greg Cohen for CRBJ

With the ink barely dry on his high school diploma, Andrew Magann landed a part-time job at a furniture store and soon dreamed of a career that provided better opportunities

Renee Evans, a 23-year-old single mother, found it difficult to support her young son and herself in minimum wage jobs

As a high school dropout, Paul Shaffer knew that without a de- [illegible] training his prospects for a well paying job were greatly limited.

Now, the three are destined for careers that offer good wages in professions that are projected to have continued growth.

They are among the 525 students who attend the Tongue Point Job Corps Center, the federally-funded career training and education program for those ages 16 to 24

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Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps was created in 1964 as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty to provide free skills training to disadvantaged youth

[illegible] Corps offers stu- [illegible] technical training in some 100 career fields throughout its network of nearly 125 education centers located throughout the U.S. The nationwide program, which serves some 60,000 students each year, also provides a full academic curriculum for those who are pursuing their high school diploma or GED. Students also can earn college credits through a Job Corps partnership with local colleges

One of six centers located in Oregon, the Tongue Point Job Corps, operated by Management & [illegible] cialties, [illegible] verse areas as the building trades, health care [illegible] sion, culinary arts [illegible] services and office [illegible] in the country to also offer seamanship [illegible]

Coastal Family Health Clinical Operations Officer Christine Lolich (right) and Office Assistant Carly Wilcox take a moment for a photo at the clinic. Wilcox is a student in the medical assistant program at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria. Photo Joanne Rideout

Alex Kurrus is the head chef at the Astoria Golf & Country Club. He provides Job Corps students with training in kitchen [illegible] three students at a time for six to eight weeks and has hired one student. Kurrus is pictured here with Julie Burns, a Job Corps [illegible]

[illegible] others

The average length of training for Tongue Point students is 11 months, although the seamanship program requires 18 months of training, according to Tita Montero, the center's business and community liaison. The majority of students reside on the 44-acre campus, which was a U.S. Naval base during the Second World War

Admission to Job Corps is based on family income [illegible] by the U.S [illegible] Labor. Students also receive a clothing [illegible] and $25 per [illegible] expenses. Total cos[illegible] and $27,000, Montero said. [illegible]

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Editor's Note.

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To ALL those special people who gave of their time, money and or expertise and resources throughout this last year to the Museum:

FOR THE *OUR AMAZING BODIES* EXHIBIT:

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Betsy Johnson, Astoria Builder's Supply, . Carol Newman, Douglas Shadbolt, Roy & Bonnie Little, Sundial Special Vacations, Marylou Sayer, and Leland Vessel Assistance, North Coast Truck, Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, Bradwood Landing

Group Meetings held at ACM Monthly

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-The Case for Children's Museums

"Checking up" on each other in *Our Amazing Bodies* exhibit

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Profiles of ACM's *Very ESSENTIAL Persons*

Molly Albright, has been an active member of the Astoria Children's Museum board since June, 2006 and is currently serving as the board's vice-president, focusing on memberships. A teacher for 15 years, she currently job shares a 2nd grade class at Seaside Heights Elementary School. Molly has lived in the Astoria area since 1993, and is married with three children of her own

Molly was instrumental in creating the popular summer art camp with Jane Crater at the museum. In addition to her dedication to the Museum, she served on the steering committee involved with childcare during the building of Tapiola Playground and was influential in making the Kids Corps portion of the November 2005 Lewis & Clark, Corp of Discovery local celebration one of the resounding successes of the entire bicentennial events

When asked how she became involved with ACM, Molly responded ***"Because I have young children and was looking for activities for them outside of our house and was drawn to the museum. It's a great place for kids to play and kids to interact. And not only do the kids get to play, but I get to visit with other parents. I believe the ACM is a valuable asset to our community and am excited to see it grow."*** When asked how her education helped her with her involvement in ACM, Molly went on to say ***"I see the value in the museum, maybe more because I'm a teacher. I see a tremendous value in parents and children interacting together in this type of learning environment. The more they have these interactions and opportunities with their parents before school the better prepared and more successful they are when they get to school."***

Molly has not only given of her time, but has many times reached into her own pockets to monetarily help at fundraisers for the Museum. So, it is a privilege, with her focus on memberships and February being a special membership drive month, that we celebrate Molly's involvement with ACM. Thanks, Molly, for ALL of your expertise and talent, time and energy in helping keep ACM going strong!

Have a Royally Good Time Hosting YOUR party At ACM

The Astoria Children's Museum provides its pre-school classroom and activity room for parties. Party times are 1pm to 3pm Saturdays in the winter time and 2pm to 4pm Saturdays in the Summer. Doesn't fit your schedule? Talk to us—let's see what we can arrange! We're the perfect place for a child's birthday party, a baby shower, or just that large family get-te-together where your house may seem too small.

Plan a child's birthday at ACM, and your guest of honor will receive a personalized birthday crown!

$50.00 for a 2 hour party

(For parties scheduled on Saturdays, you get one hour while the Museum is open to the public, then an hour while the Museum is closed to all but YOUR guests. Parties can be arranged for longer or other than Saturdays for an additional $15.00 per hour. A $50.00 damage/cleaning deposit is required, but we happily help with clean up!)

(30 people maximum, including adults)

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Thank You

The City of Astoria Parks and Community Services Department is pleased to recognize the volunteer efforts of community members and organizations that contributed to the construction of the Ernie Aiken Dugouts, painting of the batting cage buildings at Tapiola Park, and the People's Place Park Viewing Platform renovation project.

Parks and Community Services Director, Kevin Beck, is very thankful for all the community members, organizations, and businesses that stepped up to the plate to greatly improve the recreational baseball facilities at Tapiola Park and for all of the wonderful volunteer labor and donations that the Astoria Rotary Club has provided over the years to help ensure that People's Place Parks is maintained at a high standard.

Approximately 720 volunteer hours and over $11,000 dollars in materials were supplied by the community towards these projects. These dedicated volunteers saved the City almost $18,000 in labor costs. These projects could not have been a success without the help of the following

Ernie Aiken ballfield project volunteers & contributors:

Scott Kaiser	Ron Williams	Dave Lund	Fileo Poyer	Dick Powell (volunteer organizer)
Pete Hackett	Greg Newenhof	David Reid	Mitch Mitchum	Julie Flues
Ernie Johnson	Dave Roberts	Mike Atchison	Ann Kranzush	Scott Kaiser
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Papa Jacks	Sherwin Williams	Tongue Point Job Corps

People Place Park project volunteers & contributors:

David Reid	CMD Jeff Kotson	BMC Troy Shrum	LTJG Damon Thorton
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Paving means 'sweet smell of success' to one student

By DEEDA SCHROEDER
The Daily Astorian

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Bob Bridgens, left, the project manager for Bayview Transit Mix in Gearhart, leads Tongue Point Job Corps students from the class of instructor Clifford Johnson, right, on a tour of the asphalt batch plant Aug. 11.
ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian

Standing at the curb, you could feel the heat radiating from the new blacktop on 16th Street last week - and it wasn't just the summer sun beating down on the pebbled black surface.

It's a fresh mixture of rock, sand and petroleum-based oil, the smelly combination of ingredients that *together make asphalt.*

For Tongue Point student Michael Broussard, the pungent odor is also the sweet smell of success.

Broussard, 23, has been at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center for just one month, but he's already decided he'd like to get into the paving business.

"I have twins on the way, and she's due Jan. 12. I'm hoping I can get out of here and get a job to support my family," Broussard said. For him, the late nights and grimy work are attractive. But most appealing, he said, is a job that pays a wage his family survive on.

Bob Bridgens, project manager for Bayview Transit Mix in Gearhart, told Broussard and 15 of his classmates from a Tongue Point masonry class what they could expect to earn working on one of his paving crews.

"They're getting about $50 per hour, which isn't bad," Bridgens said.

Last week, Bridgens treated instructor Clifford Johnson's class to a field trip tour of the Seaside Transit Mix batch plant in Gearhart and then came to Astoria to watch the paving crew put the final touches on the 16th Street paving job. The students got an up-close look at work in progress and learned what it takes to get the sticky job done.

They watched the massive, 35,000 pound Blaw-Knox paver lumber up the steep incline, laying down a thick coat of 295 degree asphalt. The temperature, Bridgens told the group, is a critical factor. "It gets shipped out of the plant at 325 degrees. We try to get to the site when it's at the optimum compaction temperature," he said.

After the machine leaves a flat sheet of the piping-hot material on the surface, a roller presses down, and the ground shudders as the road is packed firmly in place.

Student Ben Morrow was impressed with the operation, and thought he too might look into paving as a vocation. Morrow, 17, said he always had a tough time sitting behind a desk, and paving seemed demanding enough physically to keep him engaged. "I've always liked working with my hands. The hard labor appeals to me," Morrow said.

Students weren't the only ones along on the field trip to see if paving might suit their needs. Tongue Point Job Corps Center's Work Based Learning Specialist Tanna Orr also came along to see if Bayview might be a fit for the Center's hands-on training program with local employers. Each student usually completes about 350 hours of work based learning before they graduate, and many of those hours are completed working for local employers.

There are about 75 regional employers on Tongue Point's roster at any one time, and while the students don't get paid for their time, the real job experience helps them apply what they've learned in class, said Tita Montero, Tongue Point's business and community liaison.

"Typically we have 50 to 60 students out per week on work based learning," Montero said. Many local businesses like Lewis and Clark Nursery, Coastal Family Health Center and Warrenton Public Works participate in the program regularly.

During the paving field trip, Orr said the experience was a good example of the hands-on approach that is essential in work based learning.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be exposed to this," Orr said. She's thankful the area's many businesses complement the curriculum at the Job Corps Center. "We're lucky we have a lot of sites in Astoria, Gearhart and Seaside," she said.

Students were already gearing up to give the job a try, asking Bridgens what it takes to be ready to get to work. Broussard watched the crew perched atop the paver as it crept up the hill.

"How long does it take to run one of those machines?" Broussard asked. Bridgens said it took a year or two for the driver to get trained. But the company's system is to start everyone at ground level, literally. "We all start out as a "mucker" on this job, and then you work your way up," Bridgens answered. Muckers are stationed at the end of the machine, just one step off the ground.

Bridgens was happy to see how much interest was generated among the students during the visit. Crews are getting older, he said, and it's not always easy to find people willing to do the strenuous work. "People would rather get a clean job or not work so hard or not have to work all night. But it's a good job," Bridgens said. That's why it's important to try to draw young people into the field, he added. "Obviously, we got their attention," he said.

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Longboarding in his blood

"CORY WAHLBERG (pictured above), a seamanship student at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, took first place in the 18- to 29-year-old division at the 11TH ANNUAL CAPE KIWANDA LONGBOARD CONTEST in Pacific City," says Tita Montero of TPJCC. "Cory brought his SR Surf Design longboard from home in Makakilo, Hawaii. But, he finds that wearing a wetsuit for our cold waters is more exhausting, and still doesn't keep him warm enough!"

"He's been surfing the local beaches (thanks to JOHN NEWMAN and Cleanline Surf Shop) and adapting to the differences between point and beach breaks versus the reef breaks he's used to," Montero added "Cory's hoping to enter the Rogue Gathering at Newport in September if he can find a ride "

"No matter where the waves are, Wahlberg says, "The worst day surfing beats the best day working!"

Assault report

At 10:09 Thursday, Clatsop County deputies responded to a disturbance at the Tongue Point Job Corps, where one student was accused of assaulting another. Deputies arrested William Allen Jones, 22, of address unknown, for six counts of harassment and booked him into the Clatsop County Jail

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009

On the Record

Theft

At 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Astoria police began investigating a report that a laptop computer had been stolen from the parking area of Comfort Suites, 3420 Lief Erikson Drive. Two hours later, the suspect was seen on the Riverwalk behind the hotel. Police recovered the laptop and arrested the suspect, Vadim Palovich Gergalo, 18, at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center at 4:42 p.m. He was charged with first-degree theft and lodged at Clatsop County Jail.

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Friday, August 28, 2009

Community members honored with excellence award from Tongue Point

Sharon Beatteay, a sexual assault specialist who works at the Women's Resource Center, was recently presented the annual Community Supporter of the Year Excellence award by Tongue Point Job Corps Center for her work with its students

"Sharon spends about 90 minutes, at least twice per month, helping students understand all aspects of recognizing and dealing with sexual harassment," said Dawn Rowden, the instructor who nominated Beatteay for the award, "She speaks very honestly and with sensitivity - the students trust and confide in her "

Other Excellence awards were presented to Tongue Point staff Group Life/Counseling Staff Member of the Year - Katrina Morrell, Educators of the Year - Sheri Hankel, dental assisting, and Alan Buchanan, drivers' training, Support Services Staff Member of the Year - Judy Wheatley, administration, Supervisor of the Year - Kevin Riddle, career technical training, Manager of the Year - Jennifer Berg, career technical training, Team of the Year - food services, Staff Member of the Year Rich Bokor, systems administrator In addition, Katrina Morrell was honored by Management & Training Corporation (MTC) as its corporatewide Counseling Staff Member of the Year

MTC, which operates Tongue Point Job Corps Center, is committed to recognizing achievements Through its Celebrating Excellence initiative, each of MTC's 27 Job Corps centers annually acknowledges its employees, as well as one business, organization or person in the community who contribute highly to the success of that center

Submitted photos

From left, Pat Burness, Women's Resource Center executive director, Sharon Beatteay, Kim Shillinger, TPJCC director, Dawn Rowden, Rita Hamann, WRC Board chairwoman

(above)Tongue Point Job Corps excellence winners, from left, Jennifer Berg, Kevin Riddle, Judy Wheatley, Sheri Hankel, Alan Buchanan, Katrina Morrell and Rich Bokor. (below)Team of the Year for Tongue Point Job Corps Center, from left, Henry Penner, Joel Guzman, Jean Matheson, Pam Brown, Debbie Lukoszyk, John Capps, Charlene Olson, Karen Jeppesen, Dan Cavaya. Not pictured, Carol Capps, Valerie Owenby.

Future is bright for Tongue Point Job Corps graduates

by Greg Cohen for CRBJ

With the ink barely dry on his high school diploma, Andrew Magann landed a part-time job at a furniture store and soon dreamed of a career that provided better opportunities

Renee Evans, a 23-year-old single mother, found it difficult to support her young son and herself in minimum wage jobs.

As a high school dropout, Paul Shaffer knew that without a degree and more training his prospects for a well paying job were greatly limited.

Coastal Family Health Clinical Operations Officer Christine Lolich (right) and Office Assistant Carly Wilcox take a moment for a photo at the clinic. Wilcox is a student in the medical assistant program at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria. Photo: Joanne Rideout

The [illegible] des- ca- [illegible] it offer good wages in professions that are projected to have continued growth.

They are among the 525 students who attend the Tongue Point Job Corps Center, the federally-funded career training and education program for those ages 16 to 24

Part of 1964 War on Poverty [illegible]

Administered by the U.S Department of Labor, Job Corps was created in 1964 as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty to provide free skills training to disadvantaged youth.

[illegible] Job Corps offers students extensive technical training in some 100 career fields throughout its network of nearly 125 education centers located throughout the U.S. The nationwide program, which serves some 60,000 students each year, also provides a full academic curriculum for those who are pursuing their high school diploma or GED Students also can earn college credits through a Job Corps partnership with local colleges.

One of six centers located in Oregon, the Tongue Point Job Corps, operated by Management & [illegible] specialties, [illegible] verse areas as the building trades, health care profession, culinary arts, computer services and office support It is the only Job Corps center in the country to also offer seamanship training, qualifying students as able seamen, galley cooks, deckhands or marine [illegible] oilers

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North Coast students help assemble backpacks

grade

By DEEDA SCHROEDER

Tuesday, September 01, 2009

WARRENTON - For 13-year-old Collin Cupples, giving a few hours of his time each year when school starts has become a routine For the last nine years he's helped put together hundreds of backpacks stuffed with school supplies, a project organized by the local Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program It's become such a habit, that now he doesn't even think of the time as work It's really fun," he said Monday morning. "It's extremely rewarding, once you put yourself out there to help other people" Cupples is an eighth grader at Broadway Middle School in Seaside

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Incoming Astoria High School freshman Carly Keone, 15, of Astoria, helped stuff school supplies into 1,400 backpacks Monday morning. About 35 people gathered to get the bags ready for schools to pick up, part of a project organized by the Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program.

About 20 students from Tongue Point Job Corps Center and other local schools helped assemble enough of the packs to give one to every kindergarten through second grader in the county. With the help of Lunch Buddy board members, they stripped the bags free of their packaging, and laid all the contents - from crayons to erasers, rulers and pencils - out on a row of tables stretched out at the Warrenton bus barn Monday And then the assembly line began With arms outstretched Vashti Marshall 23 a business student at Tongue Point marched toward the tables She had two packs on each arm, and stopped at each board member waiting to stuff the supplies in

"I'm here to give back to the community," Marshall said She's a Portland resident, and has appreciated the warm welcome she's received here from local residents "It's really nice how supportive Astoria is of Job Corps, and this seemed like a good opportunity"

Karna Cupples is the executive director of the program, and she said given the rocky state of the economy, she was thrilled they could get the 1,400 packs out to schools "We had less donations this year," Karna Cupples, also Collin's mother, said Costco donated the backpacks again this year, as it has for the length of the program but other donations have slimmed, she said Local businesses and individuals donate the $2-3,000 needed for supplies, and that's been harder to scrape up this year, she added

Parents are also struggling to get their kids outfitted for school this year, she said. "Purchasing a backpack and supplies can be very costly, especially in this economic time. So we are here to help," she said

The free backpacks will be available at every public elementary school on the first day of class. They are guaranteed for kindergarten through second grade, and will be offered to third graders if there are enough Parents may ask school administration where to find the packs. Anyone interested in donating to the program or volunteering in the mentoring program can call (503)739-6042

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New chef joins Job Corps Culinary Arts program

Chef Robert Whiffen joined the staff of Tongue Point Job Corps Center in late September to head the Culinary Arts program Certified as an executive chef by the American Culinary Federation, Whiffen has been a chef for more than 20 years and managed hotels for a decade prior to that He has been both food and beverage director and executive chef for Chinook Winds Casino, corporate chef for Western Hospitality and corporate executive chef for Radisson Hotels His experience also includes consulting for a variety of locales, including the Inn at Spanish Head

Whiffen has come out of retirement, which began in 2006, after leading the culinary program at Angell Job Corps Center in Waldport for five years Among his numerous awards are eight bronze medals from the American Culinary Federation, a silver medal from the Canadian Chefs' Society and a gold medal from Custom Foods

Robert Whiffen

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Job Corps hammers out Green Building's remodel

Tongue Point students work on walls of soon-to-be-new Chamber of Commerce offices

By DEEDA SCHROEDER
The Daily Astorian

Moving is commonplace for people, but for buildings – not so much

So when a structure is pried loose from its foundation, jacked up on rollers, and transported across town, it's an unusual event. But even more rare is a building that has survived two such moves

Astoria's Green Building is getting ready for its newest lease on life – in its third location

This week, students from Tongue Point Job Corps Center have attacked the interior of the nearly century-old building, tearing out cracked and rotten walls all the way down to their lath understructures The Job Corps donates the students' labor to myriad projects on the North Coast every year, performing a service for the community while giving students real-life, hands-on experience

Tongue Point is one of 120 Job Corps centers nationwide offering free education and job training, mostly for economically disadvantaged youths. Tita Montero, business and community liaison for Tongue Point, estimates that students performed more than 11,000 hours of service in the area last year – and much of that was during their own time

The Green Building, soon to be the Astoria Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce's new offices, was put into its current location more than two years ago, as a gift from local Bergerson Construction It came on rollers down West Marine Drive from its earlier home at 55 Portway St The distinctive structure was moved there the first time in 1989, from its previous perch above the river as the original Port of Astoria office It was built between 1917 and 1920

Plastering instructor Laura Johnson watched her 10-person-class as the old walls came down in the four room building, and relished the chance for them to learn how to build new walls using an old-style system.

Initially she thought the job was smaller in scope, and they'd be spending a few days patching and repairing the old walls But once she got to see the cracks and the rot that had settled in because of age and the two moves, she knew her crew was going to have a bigger job on its hands.

"We're going to be here a while," Johnson said Tuesday "I realized we needed to start from scratch and do it the way it was originally done"

Her students get to learn how to tear away the crumbling original walls, re-build them with Structo-lite, a plaster and lime compound, and then finish them with textured veneer Skip Hauke, executive director of the Chamber, provided all the materials for Johnson's crew to do the job

While cost to rebuild the walls is about triple the price of using sheetrock, the end

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THE DAILY ASTORIAN OPINION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

45 years of Job Corps success

By HILDA L. SOLIS
For The Daily Astorian

This month marks the observance of a very special anniversary

Job Corps is the federal government's oldest and most successful residential education and training program.

It provides student with the skills and knowledge that help them enter the workforce, the military and higher education. And, for 45 years, it has helped build the lives – and launch the careers – of some of America's neediest youth

Job Corps was established in 1964 by Lyndon B. Johnson as an instrument in the War on Poverty Created as part of the network of social programs that came to be known as "the Great Society," Job Corps was designed to give disadvantaged youth a foothold to the middle class.

Today it has evolved into a program that not only gives second chances for our young men and women, but also provides a vital service to our returning veterans as they transition back into civilian life. Simply put, Job Corps works because it helps young people build their future

These facts are especially important to keep in mind today Although our economy is already showing signs of a recovery, President Obama and I are not satisfied with the high rate of unemployment

The national unemployment rate is 9.7 percent and nearly 15 million Americans are jobless and searching for work. An unemployment rate of 9.7 percent is simply unacceptable. That number and – most importantly - the working families, who bear its true burden, are a constant reminder that we still have a lot of work to do.

An unemployment rate of 9.7 percent is simply unacceptable.

Given that Job Corps was born out of tough economic times, the program is uniquely positioned to aid the nation through its current economic situation. As the Secretary of Labor, I am committed to providing all workers – including young people – with a real opportunity to develop the education and skills needed to succeed in the 21st Century economy. With funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Job Corps is transforming its career technical training curriculum to include some of the fastest growing job sectors, including pharmaceuticals, health care, information technology and renewable energy

Hilda L. Solis

With the president's comprehensive energy program helping to jump start the clean energy sector and create millions of new jobs, we are also opening training opportunities for young people in those green industries These are more than just "new jobs," they are American jobs of the future – the kind that export products, not paychecks They are a true gateway out of the economic downturn Job Corps participants understand that notion, and their commitment to excellence and achievement reflects their commitment to making it a reality.

In my first eight months in office I have traveled to Job Corps centers around the country. I am constantly impressed by the resiliency, hopefulness, optimism and drive of Job Corps students. These young people renew my faith They remind me that no matter the situation, America can overcome any challenge

While our economic problems will not be solved overnight, Job Corps is certainly a big part of the solution Our investment in these young men and women is essential as we look ahead to the next generation workforce. And, if the past 45 years are any indication, we have incredible success to look forward to

The author is the Secretary of Labor of the United States.

• For more information on enrolling in Job Corps, contact (800) 733-JOBS or visit www.jobcorps.dol.gov

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Job Corps open house draws more than 100 visitors

More than 100 community members attended an open house on Sept [illegible] at Tongue Point Job Corps Center [illegible] tours of the center [illegible] student [illegible] to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Job Corps Program [illegible] Center director welcomed the guests and provided some history of Job Corps.

[illegible] from the office of U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden and Stephen [illegible] from the office of U.S. Rep. David Wu read letters of congratulation [illegible] Merkley's [illegible] proclamation [illegible] National Job Corps Day [illegible] state proclamation [illegible] signed by Gov. Ted Kulongoski [illegible] the day as Job Corps Day in Oregon

Job Corps students have been a great asset to the Senior Center said [illegible] McDaniel [illegible] several members of the [illegible] mented that [illegible] the Senior Center. I am totally impressed with this program

Submitted photo
Community members who attended the Tongue Point Job Corps Center's open house helped celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Job Corps program.

added Helen McDaniel "The culinary students have also helped with our annual open house at the Senior Center

Darlene Felkins United Way of Clatsop County executive director thanked Tongue Point Job Corps Center for its support of United Way, noting that it has hosted the United Way office for the past three years and that several employees sit on the United Way board

Tongue Point Job Corps Center will host further festivities during 2010 when it celebrates its 45th anniversary in the community.

For information about Job Corps, go to www [illegible] for information about Tongue Point Job Corps Center, go to https tonguepoint jobcorps gov

Chamber: Thank-you party planned in spring

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product will be more mold resistant and durable, Johnson said And then there's the historical value as well

"It's good for these guys to learn how to restore. It's an advantage for them because not a lot of people know how to do this," she explained Johnson's pleased that the skill will translate to a higher wage when her students go looking for jobs

Student Natashaw Merculief, 17, of Bellingham, Wash., sat on a scaffold in a side room with John Laughlin, 21, of Portland, and worked on a portion of the building that had already been sheetrocked Another room, to be used as a board room, will also be completed with the more modern wall finish Merculief intended to study welding at Tongue Point, but when classes were full, she checked out plastering She's glad she did

"I made a trade visit for plastering, and when the boss said I was pretty good at it, I decided to try it out," Merculief said Now she's one of Johnson's senior students, and has developed a hand for the detailed work

Laughlin, however, said plastering was his first choice After a trip to Disneyland as a kid, he saw how its buildings were modeled of plaster to look real, and thought he might like to do that himself

"It's every kid's dream to work at Disneyland," Laughlin said

Hauke was thrilled that the students could help finish the [illegible] and said he has been [illegible] the donations the Chamber has received as the structure has undergone a complete overhaul He counted 18 individuals and organizations that have contributed services and supplies to the project since 2007

Speed, however, has never been a priority for Hauke

"These folks are donating their time, and so I said, 'Do this work around your other jobs,'" he told the plumbers, electricians, carpenters and engineers Because the economy wasn't too reliable, he knew they had to take other jobs when they came in

Hauke is hoping the work will be done in the spring, and plans a party as a thank-you for all the people [illegible]

ALEX PAJUNAS - The Daily Astorian
Laura Johnson, the plaster instructor at Tongue Point Job Corps, is leading a class of 10 students in tearing out walls down to their lath understructures and rebuilding them inside the Green Building, which has twice been moved since operating as the original Port of Astoria office when it was built in 1917.

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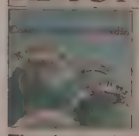

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AGENDA

WELCOME. Kim Shillinger, Center Director

SPEAKERS

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April 29, 2009

Kris Saulsbury
Tongue Pt. JCC
37573 Old Hwy. 30
Astoria, OR 97103

Dear Kris:

Thank you so much for Tongue Pt. JCC's generous donation of: **A day's work by your landscaping class valued at about $1200.** Due to its value, we ran it as a separate raffle and earned an added $500 which helped make our ***2009 Spring Into Gardening Seminar*** a huge success. This was an incredible donation and a very popular raffle item. Would you consider doing this donation next year also?

The proceeds from the seminar go to benefit the Master Gardener educational programs and scholarships in and around Clatsop County. The Spring Garden Seminar is our yearly fund raiser that allows our association to continue its contributions to our North Coast area.

Clatsop County Master Gardeners volunteer hundreds of hours of labor putting our annual Spring Garden Seminar together. It is contributions like yours that make this activity such a success and also makes this community such a wonderful and friendly place to live and work. We wish to extend our heartfelt "Thank You" for your donation and hope that you will participate in next year's seminar.

Sincerely,

Karen Elder

Karen Elder
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37573 Old Hwy 30
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31 December, 2009

Dear Staff and Students of TPJCC,

Thank you very much for the generous donation that you have made to the CCA Regional Food Bank. This testimonial of your civic spirit will greatly assist in our efforts of feeding the hungry people in our communities. Our Food Bank, as part of Clatsop Community Action serves 18 different local agencies across Clatsop County including food pantries, shelters and hot meal sites. It also helps us supply the "Free Store" here at the Clatsop Community Action office.

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Your donation has come at a critical time for us. Thank you again.

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August 18, 2009

Tita Montero, Business & Community Liaison
Tongue Point Job Corp Center
37573 Old Highway 30
Astoria, OR 97103

Dear Ms. Montero:

I want to thank you for your assistance in preparing for our administrative meeting and lunch at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility today. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to conduct our meeting and I was not able to attend the luncheon. My staff members talked about the amazing meal that was prepared and commented on the kind, efficient service the students provided.

Again, thank you. You should be very proud to be a part of Tongue Point Job Corps Center and the immense opportunities it provides for young adults.

I look forward working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

Craig Hoppes, Superintendent

August 20, 2009

Dear Tita,
Thank you for inviting us to attend the Tongue Point Job Corps Center luncheon today. We are still talking about the delicious food, amazing students, & the interesting history of Tongue Point. The guided tour you arranged was enlightening, & what a joy to visit with the weaving students. Each one eager to share their skills with us. This afternoon will be remembered as one of the highlights of our summer of 2009.
Thank you again, Tita. And thank you for all you do as your role as Business & Community Liaison.

Yours truly, Mari McIntyre

cc Tita

CMH FOUNDATION

May 21, 2009

Mr. Kim Shillinger
Tongue Point Job Corps Center
37573 Old Hwy 30
Astoria, OR 97103

Dear Kim,

I would like to extend to you a personal thank you for your generous donation to the 10th Annual Columbia Invitational Golf Tournament and Auction.

I am pleased to report that "An Evening at Old St. Andrews" was an outstanding success, thanks to the generosity of our community: people like you. Our gross proceeds are over $146,000. These funds will be used for programs, services and equipment to enhance quality healthcare at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Your donation was integral to the success of this event.

Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation has been granted non-profit status under section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Service code. Accordingly, contributions made to this organization are deductible for federal income tax purposes subject to the following. This statement of donation for items with a value of $250.00 or more must support all contributions. For items with a value of $500 or more, I.R.S. Form 8283 must be completed. We encourage you to consult your tax advisor regarding deductibility to you.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Janet Niemi
Executive Director

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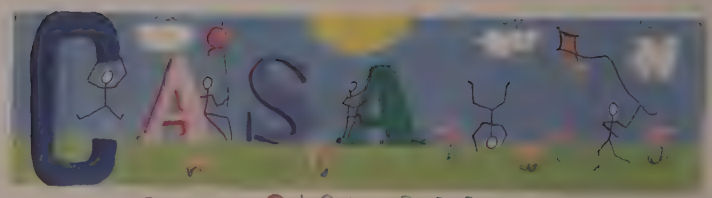

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Astoria couple heads to Africa

Tongue Point Ethiopian students advise Peace Corps volunteers

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Wondwesen Mengistu, an Ethiopian student at Tongue Point Job Corps studying dental assisting, answers questions about his native country with Nikole and Daniel Allen.

ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian
Nikole and Daniel Allen, foreground, visit with Tongue Point Job Corps Center students in Deborah Hamlin's English as a Second Language course. The two Astorians will be leaving in October to work with the Peace Corps for two years in Ethiopia. Visiting Hamlin's class Monday gave the Allens the opportunity to learn firsthand from 10 Ethiopian students about their upcoming trip.

By DEEDA SCHROEDER
The Daily Astorian

Nikole and Daniel Allen are gearing up for the adventure of a lifetime. In just about two weeks, the married couple will be packing up their bags and heading off for faraway Ethiopia with the Peace Corps.

At 23 and 26 years old, the two Astoria natives came back home for the summer to wait tables at the Wet Dog Cafe and pay off student loans while preparing for the two-year assignment.

They took a break from their work to visit with a group of 10 Ethiopian students at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, all students in Deborah Hamlin's English as a Second Language classroom, hoping to hear a first hand account of everyday life in Ethiopia.

Nikole Allen thinks many people living in the area aren't aware of the constant flow of students from around the world who come to Tongue Point to learn a trade and [illegible]

"I don't think many people in the county realize how diverse the students at TPJCC are. Buil[illegible] the connection between the student and the community is a great learning opportunity," she said.

> *'I don't think many people in the county realize how diverse the students at TPJCC are.'*
> — Nikole Allen
> Peace Corps volunteer

Hamlin's class has 39 international students, whose home countries pepper the globe, from Latin America, the Philippines and all throughout Africa. The Ethiopian students make up about a quarter of the class this year, an interesting trend that's always in flux, Hamlin said.

The couple sat around a long rectangular table in Hamlin's ESL class Monday, sharing details about where they'd be going and starting a conversation about what they might expect to encounter once they arrived.

"We'll have three months to learn about Ethiopia and learn Amharic," Daniel Allen said. The students listening could speak and understand varying levels of English, and one had just arrived that morning, Hamlin said.

"We'll be taking language classes just like you," he said.

Hamlin listened to the conversation, and tried to encour[illegible] dents to participat[illegible] their English fluency.

Kee[illegible]ng the focus on th[illegible] versation, Hamlin ask[illegible] to introduce themselv[illegible] students from Eritre[illegible], Sudan, Ethiopia, Mexico and the Marshall Islands around the tabl[illegible] studying carpentry, dental and medical assistantship, and other trades.

Nikole told the class about the Peace Corps and its mission.

It was started in 1961 to help other cultures get to know Americans. "We'll be doing something in the range of HIV treatment," she said.

Slowly the group let its shyness melt away, and the discussion got more lively.

"What do you miss most about home?" Nikole Allen asked the group. Many answered together [illegible] the food, the culture," and [illegible]n "the coffee."

She asked the group whether they liked kitfo, the distinctive dish made of raw ground beef marinated in mitmita, a spicy chile powder, and niter kibbeh, clarified butter and herbs.

"We'd like to get a better idea of where we're going. It must have been a big culture shock for you to come here – it'll be the same for us," Daniel Allen said.

A student, Mohamed Afra of Somalia, answered that as English speakers they shouldn't have too much trouble communicating.

"In Africa, most countries speak English as a second language. The English teachers there are helpful people. They will ask you questions, many questions. You guys will be fine," Afra said.

The group of Ethiopian students explained that while 70 languages and dialects are spoken in their country, the vast majority speak Amharic.

A student clad in blue scrubs, Abeba Dunsmore, 18, asked the couple how they hoped to help the people she grew up among.

"We may try to strengthen the system. We'll be working with the Ethiopian ministry of health so it will be the government telling us what is helpful," Nikole Allen responded.

That hit a nerve for Dunsmore, who is studying to be a medical assistant. She gave the couple some advice about the country's post-revolutionary government.

"I was 14 years old when I left. Don't fight with the government. I don't feel like the government stands for the people. You can't say anything against them, they'll throw

ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian
Daniel Allen, 26, right, and wife Nikole, 23, will move from waiting tables at The Wet Dog Cafe to Ethiopia helping with HIV/AIDS treatment.

Mission: 'Wrong idea about Africa'

Continued from Page 1

[illegible] Dunsmore said. She was adopted [illegible] Lake Oswego fam[illegible] after her parents passed away.

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[illegible] English, Dunsmore shared with the class her hopes for [illegible] and her country.

"I want to take over. I want to be president," she said. "I want everyone to be able to say whatever they want," she said passionately. Heads nodded around the class, and someone said quietly, "And she will too."

The focus then shifted to some common misconceptions about Africa and especially Ethiopia.

"What do you think about the perception that people have when they say, 'Oh, you've heard about the famine, right?'" Hamlin asked the class.

Dunsmore jumped right on that one.

"I think Americans have the wrong idea about Africa. That's the bottom line. I don't blame them, but they don't know," she said. She explained that because workers aren't paid a living wage, they can't afford enough food. That's why many people are starving, she said.

"It breaks my heart because I was one of them," she added. Dunsmore said she spent a year and a half living in an Ethiopian orphanage, after her parents died from HIV/AIDS. She later said she hopes to return to Ethiopia after becoming a doctor and operate an orphanage of her own, giving [illegible] some of the opportunities she's been lucky to receive.

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Abeba Dunsmore, 18, is an Ethiopian student studying medical assisting at Tongue Point Job Corps. Dunsmore spent a year and a half in an Ethiopian orphanage and hopes to return as a doctor and operate an orphanage of her own.

"I want to give folks jobs and opportunities to live a little better," Dunsmore said.

Nikole Allen said joining the Peace Corps and international service has been a long time coming for the couple, with multiple trips to Africa already under their belts.

In 2003, during her junior year of high school in Astoria, she volunteered for three months at St. Catherine Senior Secondary School in Nabbingo, Uganda. In 2006, both spent a semester at the University of Ghana in Legon Accra while Nikole Allen finished her bachelor's degree at Western Oregon University.

The Peace Corps program is a requirement for Nikole Allen's Master of Public Health degree at the University of Washington in the Department of Global Health. After the Ethiopian Peace Corps experience, Daniel Allen is planning to apply for a Peace Corps Fellows program.

Little buoy takes on big job

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

By DEEDA SCHROEDER
The Daily Astorian

When 60 Tongue Point Job Corps Center Seamanship students got under way on the 180-foot Cutter Ironwood, they knew they had special cargo onboard.

It was round, bright yellow and weighed 450 pounds.

Strapped down to the buoy deck of the former U.S. Coast Guard buoy tender, it looked like a giant, lemon-colored gum ball. The students were helping install a much needed wave buoy off Clatsop Spit just outside the Columbia River bar.

Julie Thomas, program manager of the Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, hopes the new buoy will continue to get the "special cargo" treatment long after it's bobbing atop the waves. She doesn't want to see it become another casualty of the Graveyard of the Pacific.

"It's a very small buoy, very low to the water. During rough seas it's hard to see. And since you have rough seas 90 percent of the time, we want to get the word out," Thomas said. It could get struck by passing ships if people don't know its position, she said.

The buoy will provide much-needed data to the public about wave conditions close to the treacherous bar and will give the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wave data they can use to track sediment movement. The $80,000 contraption, made in the Netherlands, is compact, high tech, and durable.

Winter weather has disabled National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration buoys on Columbia River for several years, which concerned the river's many users, said Columbia River Bar Pilot Capt. Dan Jordan. Accurate information was desperately needed for anyone considering crossing the bar, and now mariners have a place to look.

"This will be considerably better because the NOAA buoys have failed. In the past, if the bar conditions were rough enough, the only way to know has been to go out there," he said. "Now we can just go online and see."

Jordan helped rally local and national support around the idea for the CDIP buoy, bringing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, Lower Columbia Solutions Group, Columbia River Bar Pilots, Columbia River Crab Fishermen's Association and the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee together for a discussion in June.

Julie Thomas made a presentation about the CDIP buoy, and noted the long-time success of a CDIP buoy that was placed in Grays Harbor in 1981.

"We were talking about the buoys breaking, and trying to come up with ways to improve the buoy system," Jordan said.

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Many local entities contributed to getting the new buoy in the water. Foss Marine donated the anchor chain, and a handful of local boats volunteered to be ready to be recovery boats should the buoy ever work itself free, Jordan said. But much of the cost of the buoy itself was covered by the Corps of Engineers, Thomas said.

For the deployment, Jordan looked to the students at Tongue Point.

"It's really great to get support from everyone to get this in place," he said. Jordan is hoping a second buoy can be installed next, 25 miles off shore. The two, a combination of deeper and shallow reads, would make for solid forecasts.

Dale Beasley, head of the Columbia River Crab Fishermen's Association, said he'll be using the buoy data right away. Before, the closest buoy was 18 miles off[illegible] formation that was help[illegible] but not an indication of what one could [illegible]

"This is an important step forward," Beasley said. "We've had to guess a lot [illegible]

Small size can be a benefit

The 450 pound buoy's relatively small size can be a benefit, Thomas said, because it doesn't require much special equipment to get it in or out of the water for servicing. [illegible] NOAA buoys, which also monitor wind.

"They can be deployed with a local fish[illegible]

Submitted Photo
The Tongue Point Job Corps Center ship Ironwood prepares to place a buoy in the ocean near the mouth of the Columbia River.

Technological advances have made this buoy low-maintenance and easy to service. Batteries only need to be changed every two years, and the buoy transmits an iridium satellite signal to Scripps in San Diego, Calif. in about two to three minutes, a huge leap in timing that's only been made in the last few years, Thomas said. A GPS, or global positioning [illegible] transmitted, so th[illegible] know almost immedi[illegible] its mooring.

A 30-meter long bungee allows the buoy's line to stretch to up to four tim[illegible] length, and it's held in place by 1,400 pounds of large anchor chain, wrapped around itself. A similar buoy has also [illegible] in place at Umpqua River bar since 200[illegible]

Tongue Point students suited for job

Because the Ironwood was built in 194[illegible] to accommodate some of the ocean's largest [illegible]

MORE INFO.

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Albers usua[illegible] about 60 students in the program at a time, and when they all get under way once a week, everyone has a job to do. Each time, Albers creates a watch bill that assigns specific duties so everyone gets to rotate through the different positions on board, from deck [illegible] to stints in the engine room.

The goal of all the students in Seamanship is to get their rating as an able bodied seaman or qualified m[illegible] of the engine department.

Besides going out to sea across the bar [illegible] up river every Thursday, every student spends at least six weeks doing work based learning working for potential employers such as Alaska Maritime Highway, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dunlap Towing, NOAA, Columbia River Bar Pilots, and National Response Corp.

A few days after the install, Albers said he and his students are already checking the bar conditions using the data from the new buoy, feeling a sense of ownership about the work that they did, and knowing how many others will be using it too.

"When we go by it, we'll be able to say 'We put that there,'" he said.

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Richard Jorgensen, of Warrenton, takes a moment to enjoy the sun atop the bow of the Ironwood while crossing the Columbia River bar. Students in the Job Corps Seamanship program get underway once a week, and complete at least six weeks of work-based learning with potential employers.

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February 4, 2009

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January 14, 2009

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Thank you for your generous sponsorship of the Seaside Rotary Auction. The auction held on October 30, 2009 at the Seaside Convention Center provided an opportunity for 274 members of our community to come together to celebrate and share a commitment to improve our community. With your generosity, we were able to raise over $87,000.

The money raised will fund Seaside High School senior projects and scholarships, finance student foreign exchange programs, and fund low income children programs including dental clinics & The Wishing Tree Project which provides Christmas gifts to over 350 local children. Additionally, $ 8,400 was raised to improve Goodman Park, which will provide a much needed investment to one of Seaside's most utilized city parks. Our future is our youth and it is paramount that we continue to do what we can to provide them with a bright future.

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Thank you again for helping build a stronger community.

Deb Treusdell
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Graduates Summer 2009

54 students completed their training at Tongue Point Job Corps Center during Summer 2009.

Twenty one graduates walked the stage to collect their certificates at the quarterly TPJCC graduation ceremony held July 24, 2009

Row 1 **Natasha Jensen^**, Plastering (Aberdeen), **Krystle McClurg^**, Finance & Business (Mill City, OR), **Ashley Morrow#**, Culinary Arts and Seamanship (Ferndale, WA), **Whittney Ferguson*.** Dental Assisting (Knappa), **Alea Gribbin*.** Dental Assisting (Knappa), **Kelsey Ames*.** Home Health Aide, CNA (Astoria)
Row 2 **Brittney Kassahn*.** Home Health Aide (Eagle Creek, OR), **Brittany Veale**, Home Health Aide (Everett, WA); **Vanessa James#^*.** Home Health Aide (Warm Springs), **Vanessa LaVergne^**, Dental Assisting (Tillamook); **Jennifer Weisenburger*.** Home Health Aide (Granite Falls, WA)
Row 3 **Ashley Collinson#^**, Painting and Finance & Business (Seattle), **Senda Ahmednegash^*.** Home Health Aide and CNA (Seattle), **Heather Barker*.** Carpentry and Finance & Business (Astoria), **Danita Sampson#.** Home Health Aide and CNA (The Dalles), **Miranda McDonough^.** Home Health Aide and CNA (Portland)
Row 4 **Taren Heisinger**, Facilities Maintenance (Portland), **Trung Hau Truong*.** Finance & Business (Hillsboro), **Joshua Diaz**, Plastering (Portland), **Ken Joshua**, Welding (Tigard)

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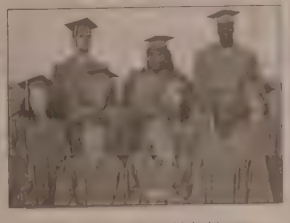
GRADUATES FALL 2009

Because Job Corps is an open entry open exit program, students complete their training and leave TPJCC on a weekly basis All completing students are invited to participate in a quarterly graduation, however, many cannot due to travel or the inability to take a day off from their new jobs



Between July and November 71 students completed their training at Tongue Point Job Corps Center during Fall 2009 Ten graduates walked the stage to accept their graduate certificates at the quarterly TPJCC graduation ceremony held November 6, 2009

Pictured are Row 1 **Kiley Strand**, Seamanship, GED (*Vernonia*), **Carly Wilcox**, Medical Assistant, GED & High School Diploma (*Gresham*), **Mohamed Afrah**, Carpentry, High School Diploma (*Seattle*). Row [illegible] **Melissa Cole** with **honors**, Finance & Business, GED (*Marysville, WA*), **Galen Ballasy**, [illegible] **Talonna Beatty**, [illegible] Diploma (*Lebanon, OR*), Row [illegible] **Melody Handsaker** with **honors**, [illegible] Row [illegible] **Nicholas Clancy** [illegible] Lakewood, WA), **LaReahs Manning**, Home Health Aide (*Portland*), **Ramson Leyuk**, Carpentry, High School Diploma (*Portland*).

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Employers are invited to join our program Currently, the WBL program includes partnerships with the following employers

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TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER CONGRATULATES STAFF OF THE MONTH

Sandy Deimler moved to Clatsop County from Pennsylvania in 1998 with her new husband who was returning to his roots. Having been a school bus driver, she was a natural fit to be a Vehicle Operator for TPJCC where she has worked for 10 years. Her three children and six grandchildren live in Pennsylvania; her husband works at Gearhart By The Sea.

In the nomination for Staff of the Month Sandy was complimented for "her willingness to do extra things that go beyond simply providing transportation" and for her "enthusiasm and creative ideas". It was noted that "she believes in the students and holds them accountable for their behaviors, dress code standards and punctuality."

Danelle Bighill grew up in the Portland area. Having always wanted to live on the coast, she was excited when relatives in Seaside told her about an opening at TPJCC. In July 2005 she moved to Astoria to become the medical assisting instructor. Once here, she also met her husband who was a fellow TPJCC staff member. Now she and her husband have children at both Astoria and Warrenton high schools. Avid Mariners fans, they travel to Seattle as often as possible to root for their team.

The nomination for Staff of the Month details how Danelle has taken on functions surpassing her responsibility to train medical assistants. "She is an excellent role model for students in how to negotiate, coordinate, and give assistance to others." This includes: "organizes center-wide blood drives"... "assists in administering flu shots to the entire center"..."volunteers to monitor in the dining hall"..."coordinates the Emergency Preparedness program with the Red Cross"..."She and her students train new staff every quarter"... "provides an on-center testing site for the CCMA certification." "She is the first to volunteer to coordinate special projects and to offer to help out in any area needed."

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Lisa Clapp is a potter and gardener who has lived in Jewell for the past 10 years. Born in Rochester, NY she moved to Oregon during high school and later attended both OSU and UO. After a stint in Colorado as a 4H agent, Lisa moved to Jewell and worked as a substitute math teacher. It was a field trip with her students to Tongue Point that introduced Lisa to Job Cops. She was captivated by the philosophy and results of the program. Lisa serves her community by sitting on the local fire department board.

In her position as instructor Lisa is responsible for the high school program and is described by colleagues as: "...always thinking and sharing... a communicator... interested in students who are not [even] in her classes... dedicated and enthusiastic..." In addition, "she looks for opportunities to connect with students...to share part of herself..."

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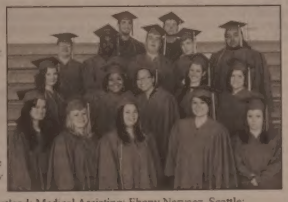
Forty three students completed their studies at TPJCC during the past quarter. 17 were able to participate in the Spring graduation ceremony. *Graduates from Left: Row 1:* Jessica Wright, Kirkland, WA: Home Health Aide, CNA, & Medical Assisting; Fallon Sherman, Prineville, OR: Painting with GED; Michelle Green, Beaverton: Finance & Business with GED & High School diploma WITH HONORS; Kaela Hartwell, Salem: Finance & Business; Karen Clubb, Pasco, WA: Finance & Business with High School diploma. *Row 2:* Jessica Stevens, Winston, OR: Medical Assisting WITH HONORS; Italia Porter, Portland: Medical Assisting; Ebony Narvaez, Seattle: Architectural Metal & Glasswork with GED & High School diploma; Sara Roulston, Mukilteo WA: Dental Assisting with GED; Alexandrea Deitrick, Caldwell, ID: Dental Assisting with High School diploma. *Row 3:* Patrick Moser, Albany: Welding with GED; Deshawn McQueen, Seattle: Plastering with High School diploma; Joshua Branch, Portland: Seamanship with GED & High School diploma; Tyler Likkel, Palmer AK: Finance & Business with GED & High School diploma; William Irving II, Zillah WA: Facilities Maintenance WITH HONORS. *Row 4:* Joshua Chilson, Vancouver: Welding with High School diploma WITH HONORS; Mike Lindsay, Cave Junction OR: Carpentry & Cement Masonry with High School diploma.



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Charlene Olson is a native of Astoria, Astoria High class of 1985 and a lifetime member of the Bethany Lutheran Church. She walks a daily circuit around the city and enjoys walking so much that she volunteers to walk dogs for the Animal Shelter. She has worked in Tongue Point's Food Services department for five years and has taken only a couple of days of sick leave in all that time.

Comments from Char's nomination include: "You would think this dynamo comes to work on roller skates every day, the way she zips around!" "She gladly does those jobs no one else wants to do." "She is well known for her consistently calm manner and her ability to work well with everyone." Char was also commended for her flexibility and high level of customer service.

Vonda Buchanan lives in Warrenton; her two sons attend Warrenton High School. With a bachelor's in Sociology, Vonda has previously worked for Head Start as well as for Oregon State in programs assisting people with disabilities. Since moving to Clatsop County, Vonda has been a Lunch Buddy and volunteers with VOCA. When Vonda began working at TPJCC two years ago, it was coincidental that she joined her parents on staff. Vonda is a vocational counselor for seamanship and culinary students.

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Amy Guan moved to Seaside from Southern California in 1998 because she wanted to live on the Oregon coast. For a time she commuted to Portland State. She has worked at Corpenny's in Seaside and for the Seaside school district. Amy's son graduated from Seaside High School and is a junior at OSU. Gardening is Amy's avocation and she is an avid lap swimmer.

Although Amy has worked as a security officer at TPJCC only 4 months, she's already made quite an impact. She takes a personal interest in every student. Excerpts from her nomination: "brings a high level of professionalism and consistent attention to detail to her position. Her consistently cheerful and bright attitude is a great asset... provides rapid, effective response... We value her strong work ethic and her example as a positive role model to our students and staff members." Amy believes that "quality time comes when you least expect."

John Curtis grew up on a farm in Rainier, OR with 11 siblings; his parents still live in Rainer. He started working at TPJCC in on call status; he moved to Astoria when he went to full time status. John's current challenge is becoming a master bridge player; he plays in a regional tournament for the first time this coming weekend in Seaside.

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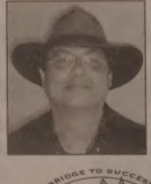
Carla Pitts lives in Brownsmead. She has a son and two daughters, one of whom is a deputy sheriff for Clatsop County. Her husband works at Wauna Mill. She grew up in California where she and her husband had a small business. Her grandchildren are the lights of her life; she spends as much time as possible with them. Having previously worked for MTC Works, Carla joined Tongue Point Job Corps Center 3 years ago to work as a Career Transition Specialist assisting students in their job searches.

In the nominations for staff of the month Carla is described as "...a caring, sensitive person with a big heart... positive role model to students... goes above and beyond her assigned duties... always willing to help out another department or staff member..." "...she guides students in finding their own solutions..." "...she goes the extra mile when helping students... offering encouragement even after they have left the center."



Although **Tom Rowe** has worked at Tongue Point Job Corps Center just three years, he previously worked at two other Job Corps Centers – giving him a total of twelve years with Job Corps. He sought his job as a Residential Advisor at TPJCC, because he wanted to live in Astoria – quite different from the San Marcos area of Texas where he grew up. Tom loves to travel worldwide and cook southern food. He's a regular at barbecue and chili cook off events where his Texas accent gives him away. He is happiest when sharing his interest and skill with students at Tongue Point.

As nominated staff of the month, Tom was described as "...industrious, conscientious, and skillful... known for being very kind and patient... has a high degree of integrity and a cheerful personality."

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Highlights from her nomination include: "She gives everyone she comes in contact with her undivided attention, with great professionalism and a caring heart."... "She tracks tons of information and due dates"... "she's always ahead of the curve - the management team could not function without her." "She is a treasured jewel in Tongue Point's crown."

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Without your involvement our community would be more poorly connected and less self aware. Thank you for making us stronger.

Best wishes,
LCPS Garden tour Committee
by Ann Marie

11-10-09

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Students Will Lee, Joel Barker and Ronald Smith pose with Senator Jeff Merkley in Washington, DC

Student Mentor, **Joel Barker**, 20, student government Executive Council President, **Will Key**, 22, and Treasurer, **Ronald Smith,** 24, traveled to Washington, DC recently to represent Tongue Point's students. They met with staff in Rep. David Wu and Senators Jeff Merkley and. Ron Wyden's offices as well as catching up with a busy Senator Merkley for a quick introduction to Tongue Point Job Corps Center. Besides thanking all for their support, the students were an excellent testament to the value and success of Job Corps.

In addition, the student leaders attended a two day leadership conference sponsored by Management & Training Corporation (MTC) which operates Tongue Point Job Corps Center for the Department of Labor.

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As a 5th generation Astorian, **Katrina Morrell** is part of an extended family which is well known in Clatsop County. She was home schooled as of 5th grade; earned her GED at 16; completed Clatsop Community College with honors and graduated from U of O. Katrina began working at TPJCC in 2004 joining her brother and sister - and was promoted to vocational counselor after obtaining her degree.

Katrina claims her four year old son as her 'hobby' but also makes time to volunteer with VOCA (Victory Over Child Abuse) and sit on the board of the Clatsop County Commission for Children and Families, as well as write an online column for NCoastOregon.com. She is an active member of the Baha'i community. She just completed the nine-week long Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

"...Friendly...energetic...enthusiastic ...accurate ...consistent...dependable..." are just a few of the words used to describe Katrina, as well as "...seeks creative ways to make the daily tasks fun and easier for everyone."

After having worked in higher education for more than 20 years, **Tanna Orr** moved to Astoria two years ago specifically to work at TPJCC. She was looking to work in a different aspect of education and find new challenges.

As the Work Based Learning Specialist, Tanna has contact with business owners and managers throughout Clatsop County as she matches businesses and students in meeting mutual goals of developing the skills of those students and contributing to the business community. She has recently increased the .number of work-based learning sites and has more in the works."

Excerpts from her no ination describe Tanna as: "...excellent role model...strong, independent thinker...demonstrates, to students how to negotiate, be organized, and prepare for work as well as diplomacy and diligе ce...organized ...consistent and thorough..."

Tanna's two sons, five grandchildren and one great grandchild live in Arizona. She is active in metaphysical endeavors and is a mixed media artist.

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During the 8-3/4 years that **Valerie Owenby** has been a cook at TPJCC she has missed only two days of work – and that was due to being in a car accident. Although she has moved around the country while her husband was in the Air Force, her family is very happy to call the Knappa/Svenson area their home. Two of Valerie's daughters attend Clatsop Community College while her third daughter attends Hilda Lahti. Valerie has long been active in 4H and FFA, enjoying the family's menagerie and participating in clinics as well as county and state fairs.

Praise from her nomination includes: "Her can-do, step-up-to-the-plate attitude makes her an asset not only to her team, but to the entire student body." Several co-workers gave her their highest praise: "The students LOVE her!"

Since 1966 **Judy Wheatley** has put in 4 'tours of duty' at TPJCC - working a total of 35 years in 6 different departments. Her latest stint has lasted 23 years as Administrative Assistant to the Center Director.

An Astoria native, Judy lives in Gearhart with her husband, who is in construction, and her daughter, who is a teacher at Cannon Beach Elementary. Her mother still lives in Astoria.

Highlights from her nomination include: "She gives everyone she comes in contact with her undivided attention, with great professionalism and a caring heart."... "She tracks tons of information and due dates"... "she's always ahead of the curve - the management team could not function without her." "She is a treasured jewel in Tongue Point's crown."

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Stephanie Hullender, LPN moved to the North Coast at age 3. She graduated from Seaside High School and recently completed her LPN studies at Clatsop Community College while also working at the Pacific Way Bakery in Gearhart. Stephanie started working at Tongue Point's Health & Wellness Center, her first job as a healthcare professional, in December 2008 and has already accomplished being named a staff of the month. In just 5 months she has developed a new and successful student Fitness Program and has launched *"Spring into Wellness,"* a new on-center event that educates students about wellness, fitness, and nutrition in a fun setting. She is described as "...witty, passionate, self-motivated, professional, a lot of fun to work with and having a magnetic and bright smile..." Stephanie is attracted to working with a younger, healthier age group which explains why "...her 'can-do' attitude and enthusiasm have brought many new ideas and fresh energy to our student health and wellness clinic..." Stephanie's next personal goal is to become an RN.

Twenty-six years ago, after an eight year stint in the Coast Guard, Massachusetts native **Mark Keuny** decided to make his last duty station – Astoria – home. During those years he has worked as a chef, baker, caterer and cake decorator, as well as having been an award winning jewelry designer for Gunnaway Brothers. He is also an ordained Baptist pastor with a volunteer ministry at OYA as well as an artist who paints, sculpts and does scrimshaw. Mark lives in Seaside with his wife, who works at Kiwi Glass; their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live in Warrenton. Mark joined TPJCC in March 2007 and works as a Residential Advisor. The following is said about Mark: "...helps make positive change ... fun sense of humor ... uses his talents and artistic skills to teach students ... always goes above and beyond ... students enjoy going on community service trips with him because he makes it fun ... wonderful attitude ... consistent and reliable ... ... great attention to detail ... has great rapport with students..."

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Amy Fisher
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